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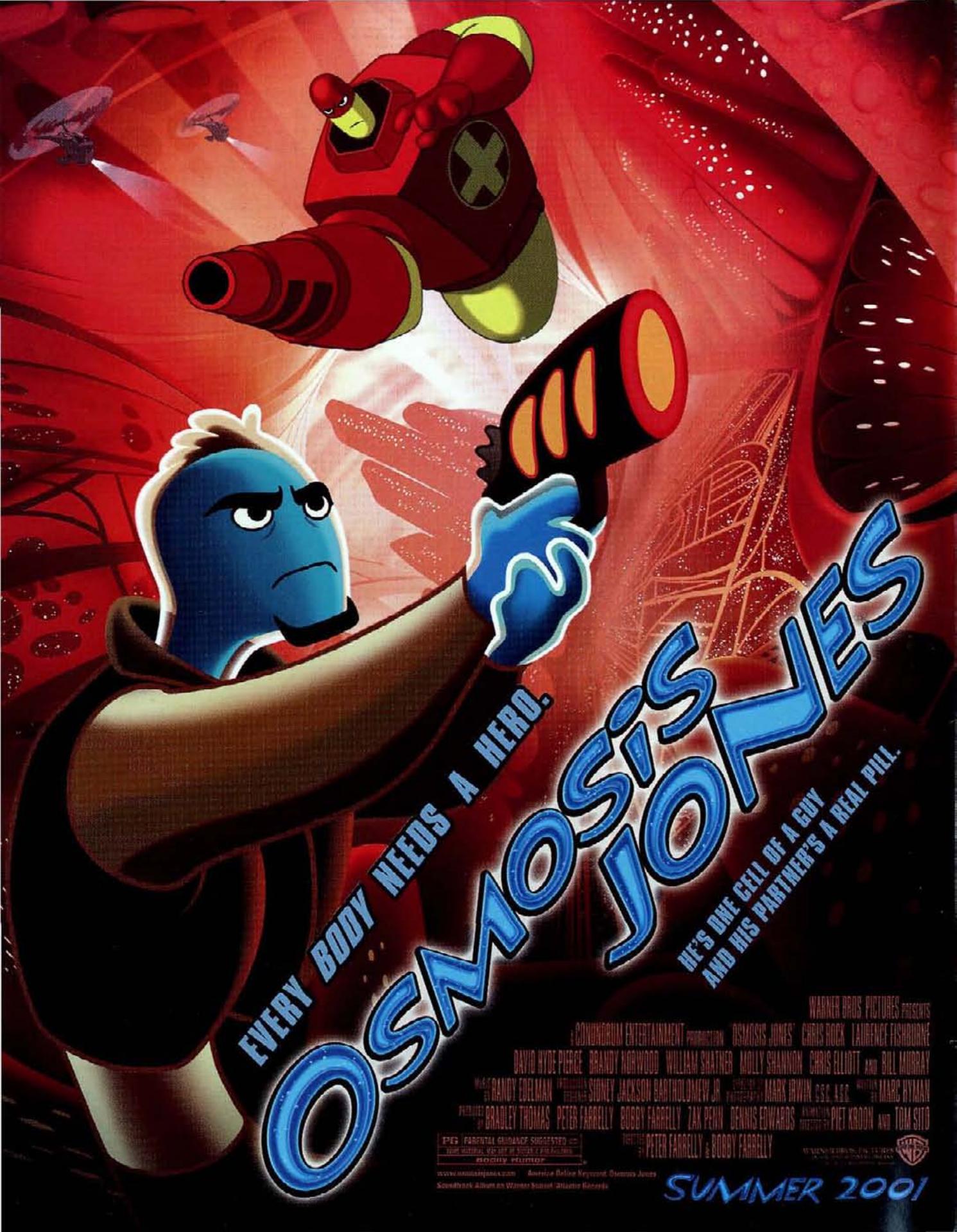
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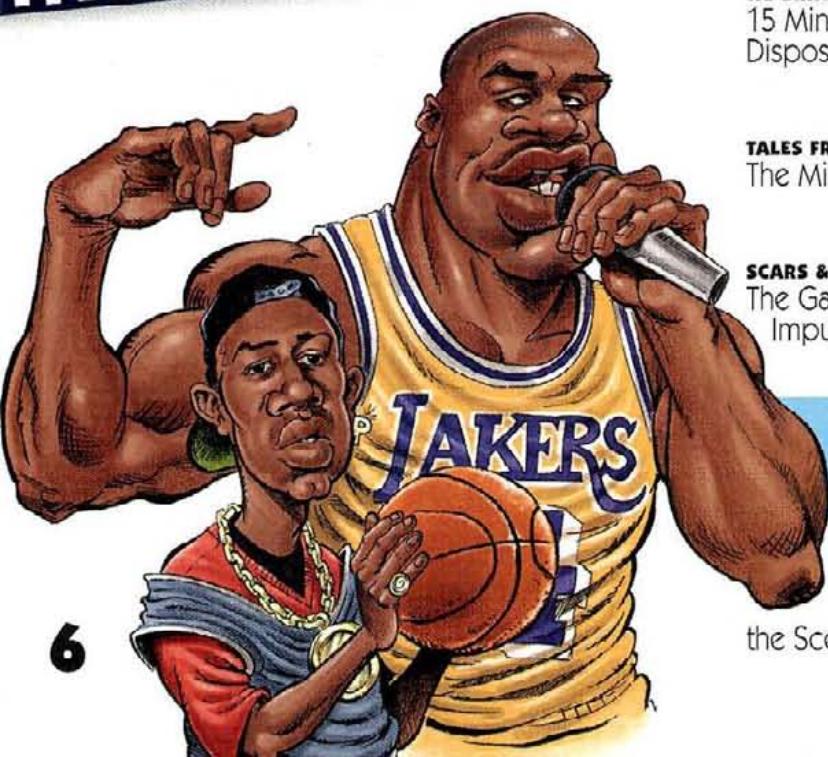
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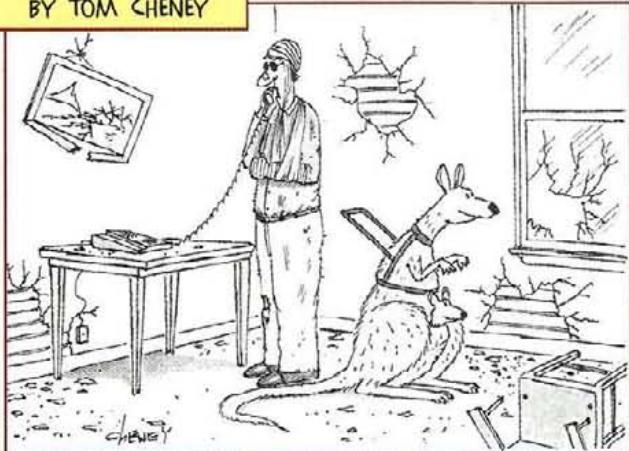
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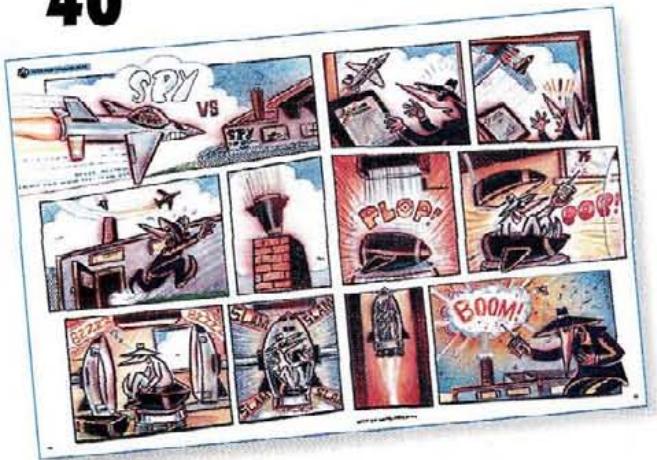


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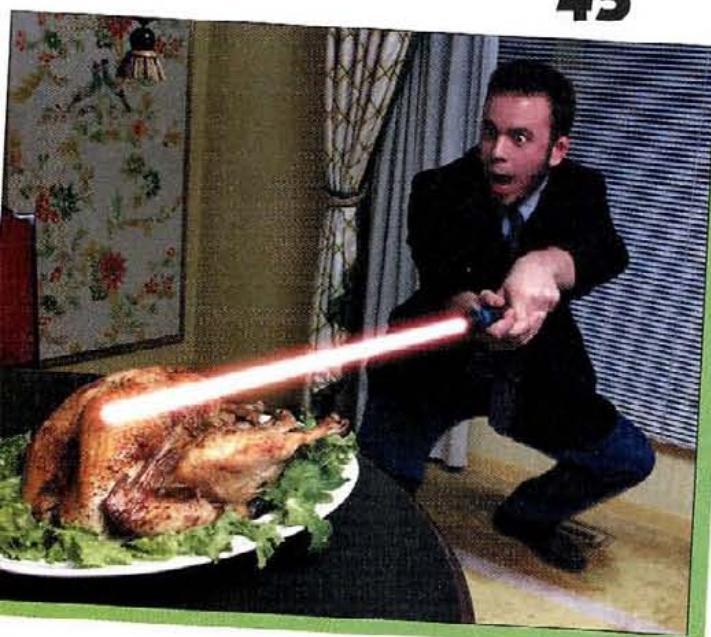
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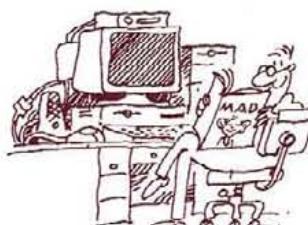
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"Understatement is a zillion times more effective than exaggeration!"





WRITER'S SCHLOCK

For many years I have read your magazine and enjoyed the amalgamation of drawing and writing. Over the years, however, I have become increasingly disturbed at your mistreatment of your writers. Typically, you give credits labeling the contributors as writers or artists. But writers are artists too. Your behavior probably violates some federal law and I respectfully submit that before you get into trouble you should start addressing your writers as literary artists, unless you feel writers are a bunch of idiotic, spittle-spraying, head-banging, nose-picking, self-fondling undeserving reprobates.

Les Weinberg, Stony Brook, NY

Lester — Just to clear things up, we don't feel that *all* writers are idiotic, spittle-spraying, head-banging, nose-picking, self-fondling undeserving reprobates, just certain writers of letters — you follow? —Ed.

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I have been a reader of MAD for a while. I would like to make a dumb wish. I can't stand those darn Entenmann's commercials. They drive me insane. In my nightmares, I feel like my seventh grade mind will turn into a donut and Whoopi Goldberg will come and take a bite out of me. So please accept my dumb wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* and make fun of them in your magazine.

Bill Reed, Oak Forest, IL

Billy Boy — As you know, it's the sacred mission of the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* to grant dumb wishes whenever and wherever possible. But make fun of Entenmann's? Oh, those donuts...some with chocolate, some with crumbs. And those rings with the creamy white icing...they just melt in your mouth. Entenmann's is one of God's greatest little gifts to the world. Ooo, we wish we had free boxes and boxes of Entenmann's here at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*, conveniently located at 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 on the 5th floor. That's our wish, and it sure ain't dumb! Anyway, thanks for writing! —Ed.

P.S. We also like Krispy Kreme donuts and we wish we had free boxes and boxes of those as well! —Ed.

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MAD'S CHEESEIEST READER

While recently indulging myself in MAD, I noticed a MAD Mumbling in issue #402 that I frankly disagree with. Mumbler "JQ" writes "Cheese has its ups and downs." There is no downside to cheese! Frankly, I find this to be very offensive. I stand and congratulate cheese enthusiasts such as myself. Cheese is not just a food, it is a way of life. I believe cheese may be the answer to all of our problems (yes, even world hunger). I demand that this blatant disregard for cheese be stopped immediately.

Karl Peterson, Yakima, WA

Herr Karl — Your borderline obsession with cheese strikes us as a bit odd, but we'll play along. We bet your favorite TV show is *NYPD Bleu Cheese*, your favorite movie is *A Few Gouda Men* and your favorite magazine is *Cheddar Homes and Gardens*! Readers, what do you think Karl's favorite book, video game and rock band is? Send your cheesy suggestions to: MAD Magazine, ATTN: Amy, The Big Cheese, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 and we'll print the best of them! —Ed.

"INSTANT MUSIC REVIEWS" REVIEWED

In MAD #405, artist Rick Tulka screwed up on Jennifer Lopez's arm in "Instant Music Reviews." Take a good, close look at the arm that isn't holding the microphone. Notice anything peculiar? The arm is twisted and appears to have two elbows! One is in the correct position beneath her hair and the second one is halfway down her forearm!

Neel Nayak, East Brunswick, NJ

Whoa Neely — Thanks for your very astute letter. You're right about Lopez's dual arm. But that's the least of Tulka's artistic boo-boos. Among the other mistakes in "Instant Music Reviews" pointed out by MAD readers were: Elton John isn't paunchy enough; no cottage cheese butt on Alanis Morissette; Britney Spears' top isn't revealing enough; there's no AARP card sticking out of Stevie Nicks' hat; the pigs listening to Garth Brooks aren't rolling around on the floor writhing in pain, and Tulka took too much artistic license with Ricky Martin's package (if you know what we mean)! As long-time readers of the Letters Page know, we've had numerous incidents with Monsieur Tulka and his "artwork" over the years and these are just more damning and troubling notations in his permanent record! —Ed.

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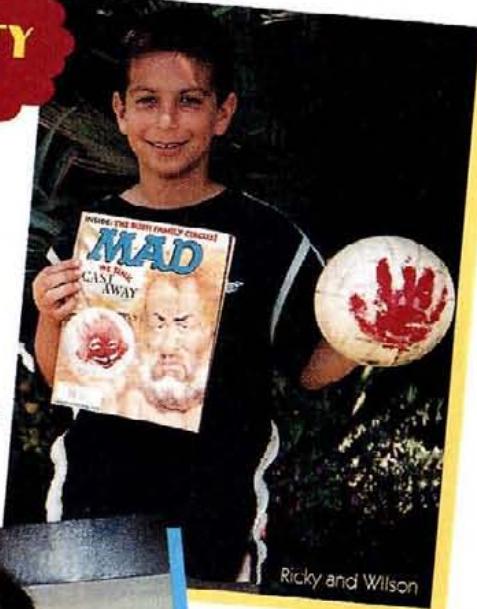
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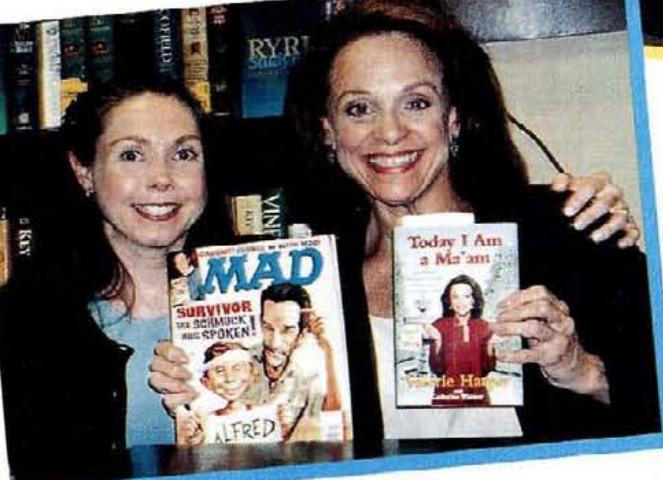
I was walking along the beach, when suddenly I saw Wilson the volleyball! It was cool so I took it home and took the picture of it with my new MAD that had the *Cast Away* picture of Tom Hanks and Alfred E. Wilson.

Ricky Lizarraga, San Marcos, CA

Rickster — Bingo! Extra points for inventiveness! But you should have had Wilson holding the issue — then you could have scored a three-year subscription. But instead, you're just getting the one-year subscription. Oh well, that's the way the ball bounces! —Ed.



Ricky and Wilson



Fabulous MAD babe Marla Wyche recently caught up with Valerie Harper, nee Rhoda Morgenstern from the old *Mary Tyler Moore Show*. Valerie was out plugging her book *Today I Am A Ma'am*, which, coincidentally, features artwork by Rick Tukka, you know, the guy who screwed up the artwork in "Instant Music Reviews!" Fal "Instant Music Reviews!" Fal



INSTANT MAMA'S GONNA GET YOU!

I was just reading your March issue and I wanted to let you know that I want to adopt Monroe.

Michele, Frenchtown, NJ

Michele My Belle — Adopt Monroe?! You must really be sippin' the Monkey Juice! But...it's a deal! You can pick up Monroe next Friday. The little scamp will be waiting with his bags packed in MAD's lobby. Don't forget to bring a handtruck. Thanks for adopting! —Ed.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

In your "Celebrity Cause of Death Betting Odds" for George W. Bush in MAD #405, you have an honorary degree for Bob Jones University under his tombstone. This is incorrect. W graduated from Yale. It was actually Attorney General John Ashcroft who received an honorary degree from Bob Jones U. Just trying to clear things up!

Tom Casella, Pittsgrove, NJ

Tommy Boy — Good catch! We checked and discovered that George W. was awarded his honorary degree from Apex Tech — it should be noted that because it was just an honorary degree he didn't receive his own set of tools upon graduation. Thanks for writing and God Bless America! —Ed.

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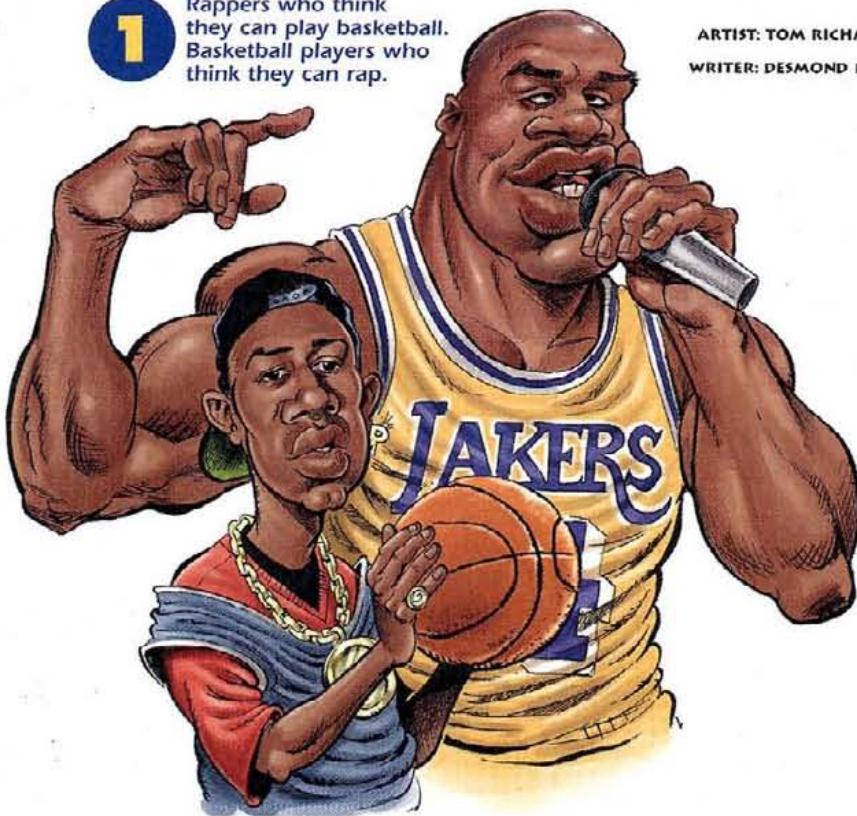
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50 WORST THINGS ABOUT... SPORTS

Last June, MAD rocked the publishing world by compiling the first ever authoritative list of the 50 Worst Things About Television. Now we're back with an even more disturbing list, this one on the slimy world of sports. Where to begin? With the obnoxious athletes, the equally obnoxious owners, the pretentious and ass-kissing announcers, or the obsessed sycophant fans? It's a tough call. Ah, but when the going gets tough, the tough get going. But we're giving it 110%! Yes sir, we really came to play! And we'd like to thank the good Lord for helping us put together...

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Rappers who think they can play basketball. Basketball players who think they can rap.

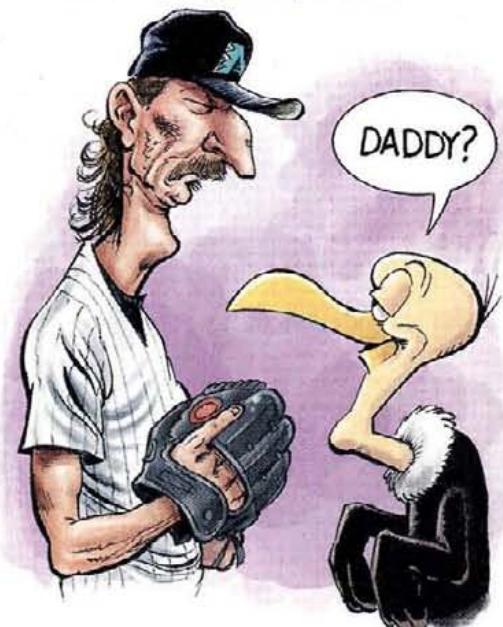


ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

2

Fastball king Randy Johnson's unpleasant physical resemblance to that stork who used to go "Uh HUH, uh HUH" in those Bugs Bunny cartoons.



3

Wide receivers who catch a fourth-quarter garbage pass that cuts the other team's lead to just 29 points, then freeze, pose and point up to the sky to "thank the Man Upstairs." Earth to dipstick, Earth to dipstick. Your team is in the toilet! Isn't it obvious God hates them personally?

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The Seniors Golf Tour. In most families, when Grandpa starts wandering on the lawn dressed in a purple shirt and green shorts, it's time to sign the papers.

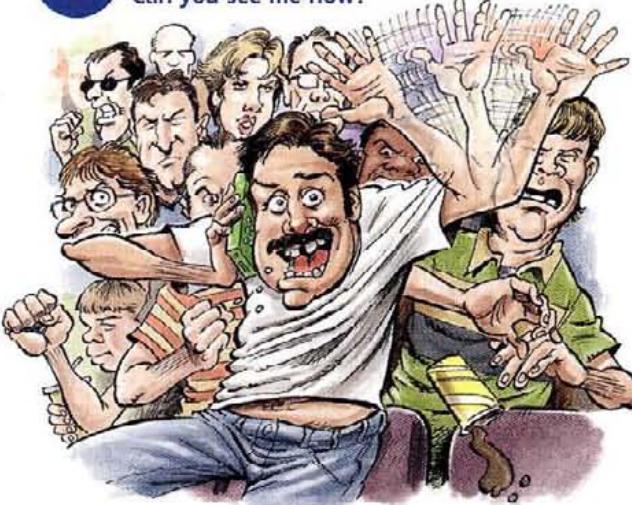


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Athletes who say they're being "disrespected" by a \$146 million, 6-year contract offer, because the sixth year contains an unguaranteed buyout clause.

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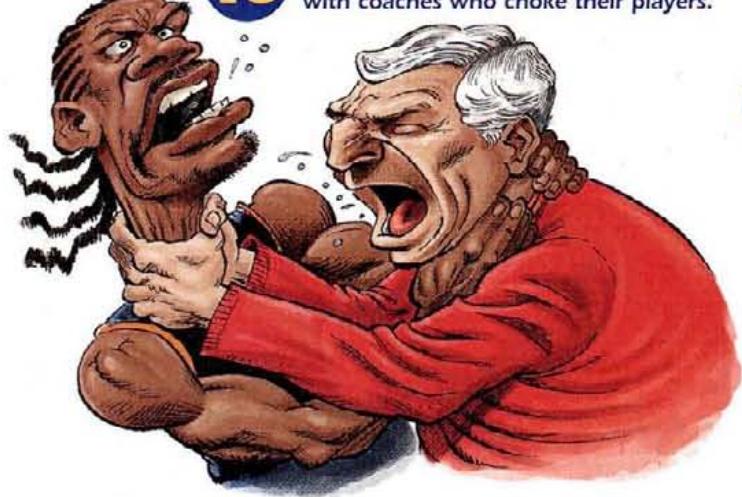
Turdwipes down front with cell phones who spend the entire game going, "Am I on now? Can you see me now?"

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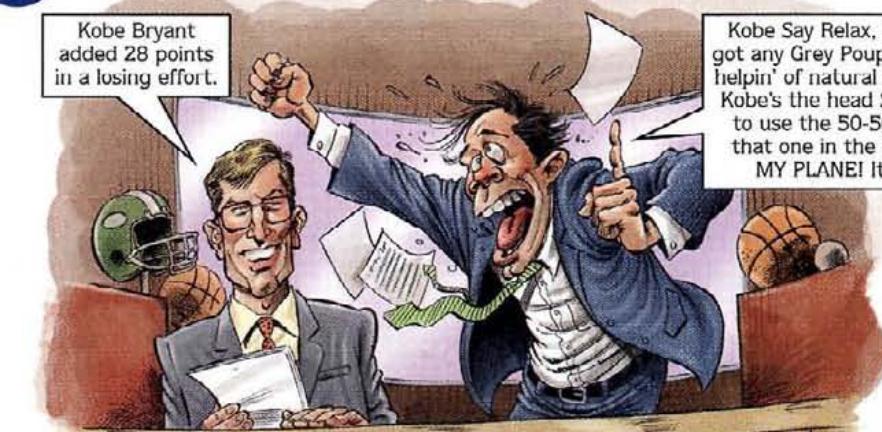
Stadium concession prices: OPEC ministers are jealous over what stadium beer vendors can get away with charging per ounce.

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The fact that players who choke their coaches have never been matched up with coaches who choke their players.

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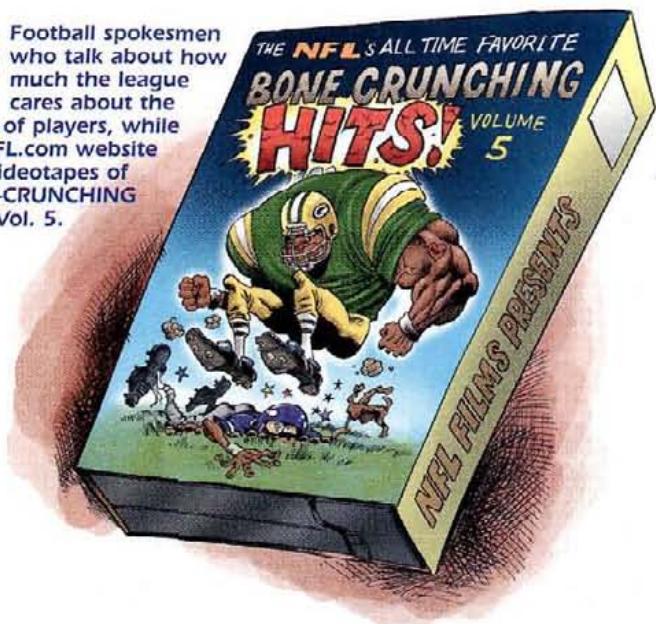
ESPN newscasters throwing "clever" catch phrases at the wall every 15 seconds, in the desperate hope that one of them, any of them, will stick.

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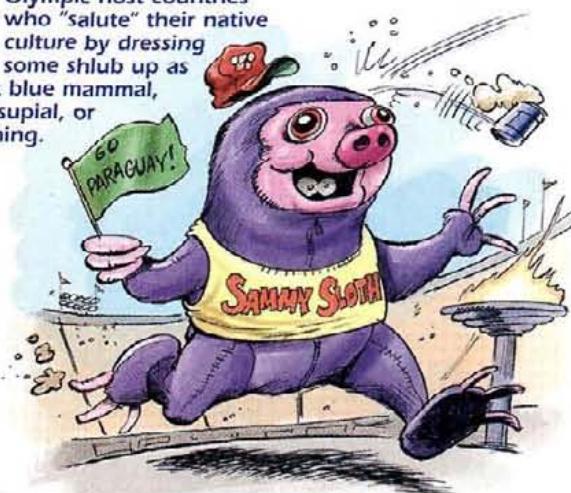
Inbred racecar fans who despise Jeff Gordon for secret, inside reasons that normal people don't bother trying to understand. We're guessing they hate the guy because he appears to have more than 30 teeth, and because he rolls down his side window before spitting.

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Football spokesmen who talk about how much the league cares about the safety of players, while the NFL.com website sells videotapes of BONE-CRUNCHING HITS, Vol. 5.

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Olympic host countries who "salute" their native culture by dressing some shlub up as a giant blue mammal, or marsupial, or something.

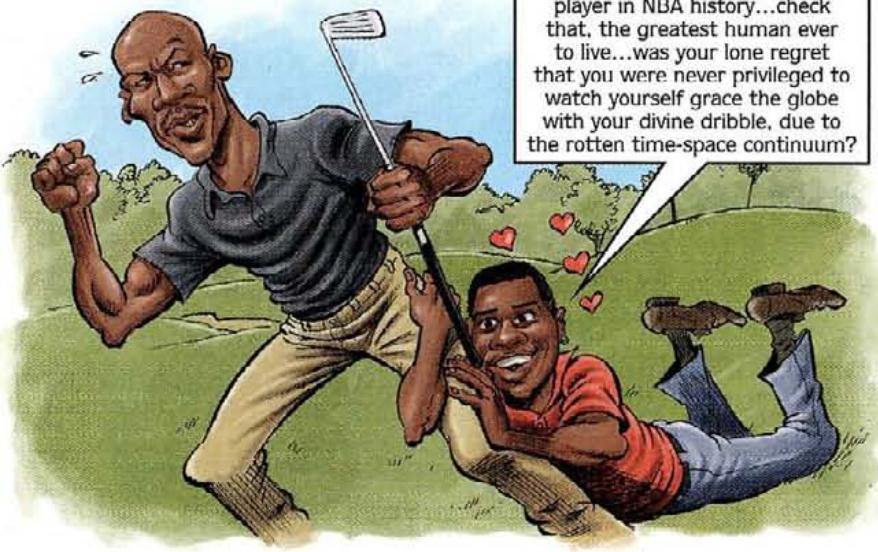
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The sinking notion that, somewhere out there, Dennis Rodman isn't done with us yet.

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15 How do we have any confidence in the President's ability to handle peace negotiations and nuclear weapons, when he can't even make a 25-cent phone call to the Super Bowl locker room without major static, breakups, echo, and an annoying five-second delay?

16 Michael Jordan's been retired for a couple of years now, yet Ahmad Rashad still hasn't washed the taste of His Airness' butt out of his mouth.



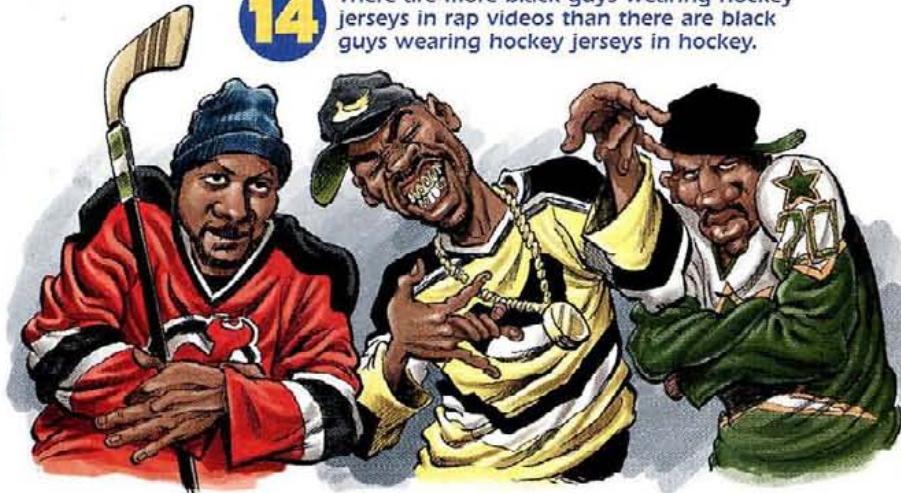
18 World Series games that start later than the big operation scene on *ER*.

19 Football teams who go 2-14, then fire the kicker.



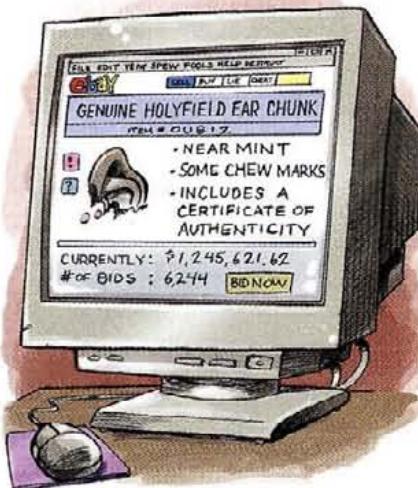
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There are more black guys wearing hockey jerseys in rap videos than there are black guys wearing hockey jerseys in hockey.



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The chilling thought that if that chunk of Evander Holyfield's ear ever showed up on eBay, the bidding war among brainless fans would skyrocket through the roof.



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Sports announcers tsk-tsk-ing over how steroids gave some athletes an unfair advantage, when they only keep their dummy-at-a-desk jobs thanks to their hair plugs, fake boobs, capped teeth, nose jobs, skin peels and tummy tucks.

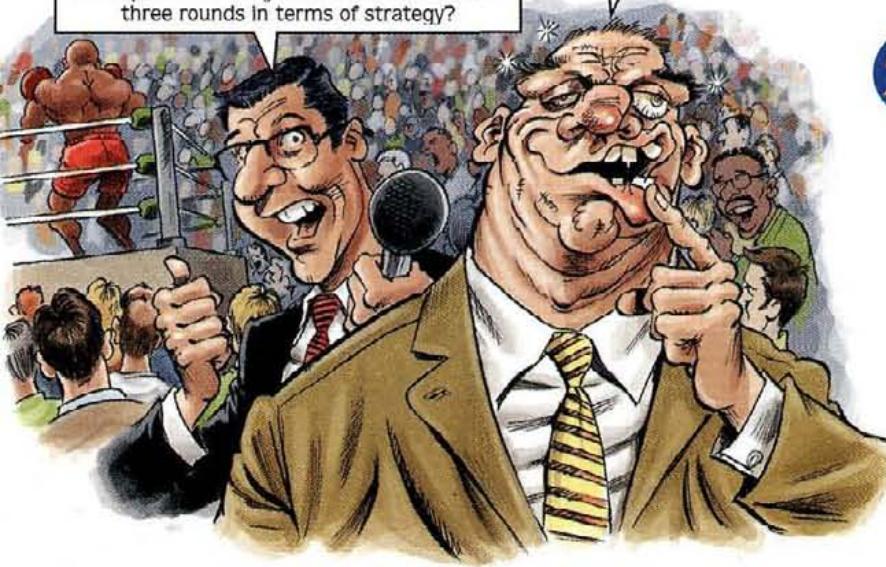


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Networks like Showtime and HBO deciding that the primary skill required to make a person a good boxing announcer is having spent his last 20 years getting punched in the head.

You can see Ohlinger using his superior reach to cut off the ring. He's peppering Larkin with what seems almost a surgical approach. Champ, how would you characterize the last three rounds in terms of strategy?

Mmm, I like po'k chops!



24

24 The football owners who still won't change the racist "Washington Redskins" name because it's actually "a tribute to the bravery and courage of the Native American." Here's an idea...let's honor the NFL brass by calling the next expansion team 'The Triple-Chinned Alcoholic Crackers.'

26

Mark McGwire's increasingly disturbing-looking roast beef neck.



22

22 The growing trend of misspelling new sports franchises, such as the Utah Starzz, the Memphis Maniax, the Pittsburgh CrosseFire, the Nashville Kats, or the L.A. Xtreme. Hey, jeenyussess! Heer's ten dollars. Go by a dickshunerry!

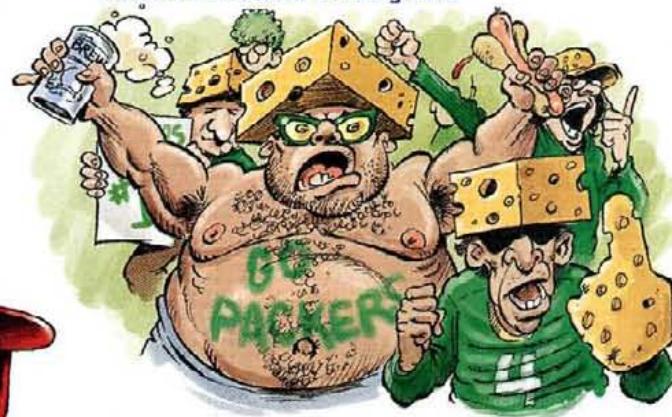
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The fact that you can no longer say the word "goal" anywhere, to anyone, in any context, without some bonehead shrieking "GOOOOOOOOOAAAALLLLLL!!!"



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25 Green Bay Wisconsin "Cheeseheads." They make us want to sneak into a Packers game and unleash a thousand starving rats.

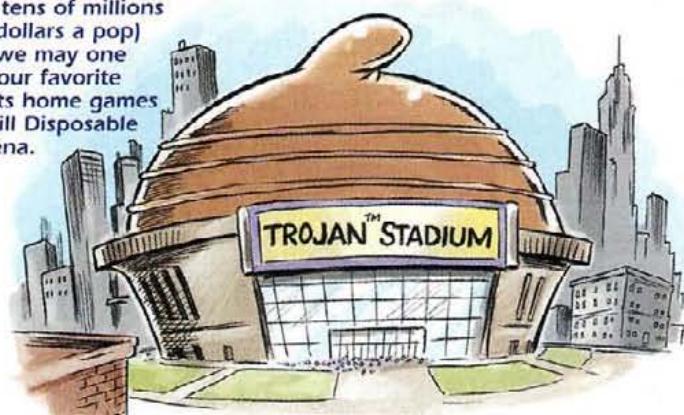


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27 Mindless spreadsheet numbers-crunchers who claim that anything and everything is a "new record." Hey, did you know that Red Sox outfielder Trot Nixon just set the all-time major league record for ground-rule doubles in a season by a guy named "Trot"?

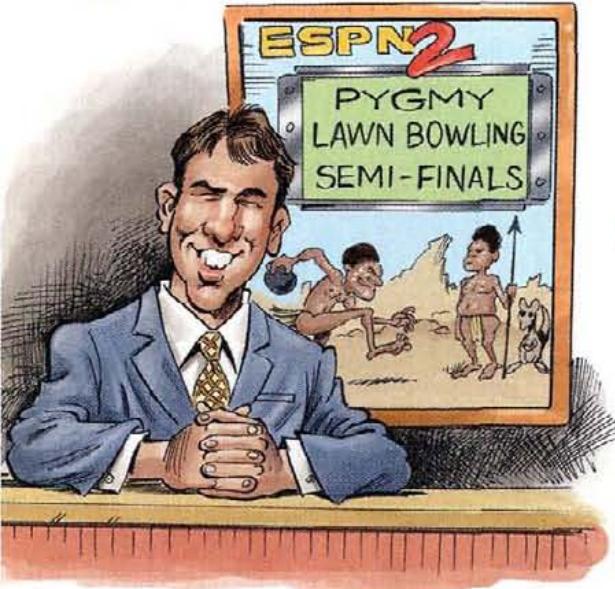
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28 Rampant corporate stadium re-namings (at tens of millions of dollars a pop) mean that we may one day watch our favorite team play its home games at Massengill Disposable Douche Arena.



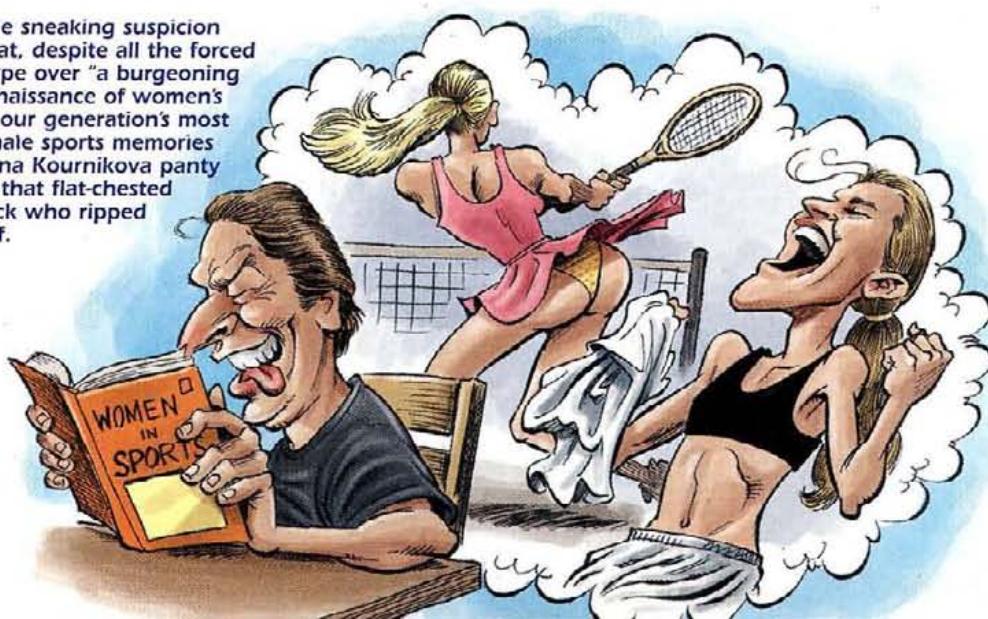
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30 ESPN2. Two? TWO? How can a network that has to run "SportsCenter" 18 times in a 24-hour day think they need a second channel to put on all the "other" stuff they just haven't had the chance to show?



33 Self-important pumpkinhead Jerry Krause, who was positive he could break up the Chicago Bulls and rebuild 'em. Don't worry, Jer. As soon as they can insert Michael Jordan's DNA into a kangaroo, maybe your Bulls'll have a shot at the second round of the playoffs again.

34 The sneaking suspicion that, despite all the forced hype over "a burgeoning renaissance of women's athletics," our generation's most classic female sports memories will be Anna Kournikova panty shots and that flat-chested soccer chick who ripped her top off.



29 Olympic walrus Bela Karolyi putting his ham hands all over a new crop of super-skinny 12-year-olds wearing skin-tight leotards.



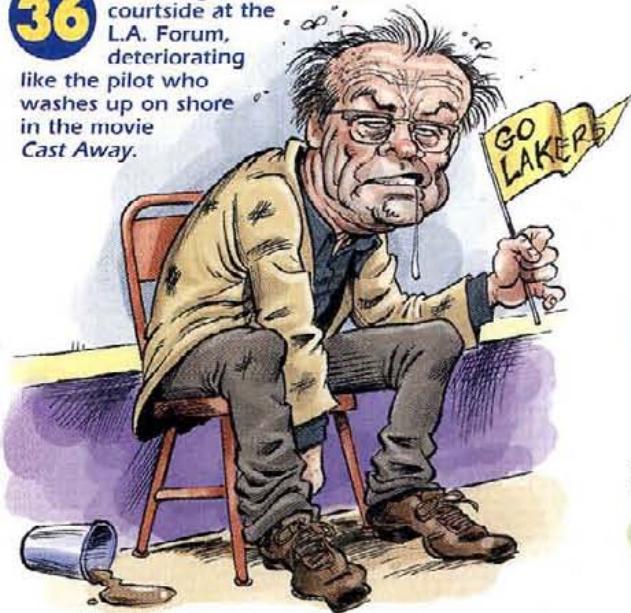
31 The Chicago Cubs' incredible management expertise. Hmm, let's see. We've been a sports disgrace for almost a full century, and the future looks twice as bleak...how can we turn things around? I've got it, Chief...let's spend two years pissing off Sammy Sosa!



35 Miami Heat coach Pat Riley, putting so much effort into his appearance just to look like the kind of guy who gets whacked 40 minutes into a Martin Scorsese movie.

36

Watching Jack Nicholson courtside at the L.A. Forum, deteriorating like the pilot who washes up on shore in the movie *Cast Away*.

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Blubbering, emotional old Steinbrenner even more irritating to watch than belligerent, young egomaniac Steinbrenner.

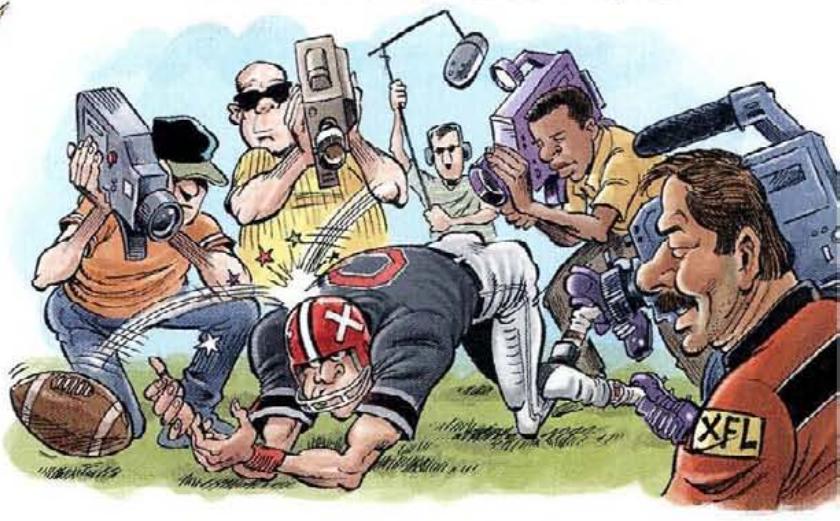
Sob! Sniffle! I want to say that this Yankee team overcame so much...so much to get here. So much money! Boo hoo hoo! I'm so filled with pride and gratitude that no one's fired until November of this year!

**41**

ESPN's annual coverage of America's Cup. We get to stare at a never-changing camera shot of two yachts for two weeks, in a best-of-13 scenario that nobody in the world who doesn't have a trust fund cares about. WHOO HOOO!!!!

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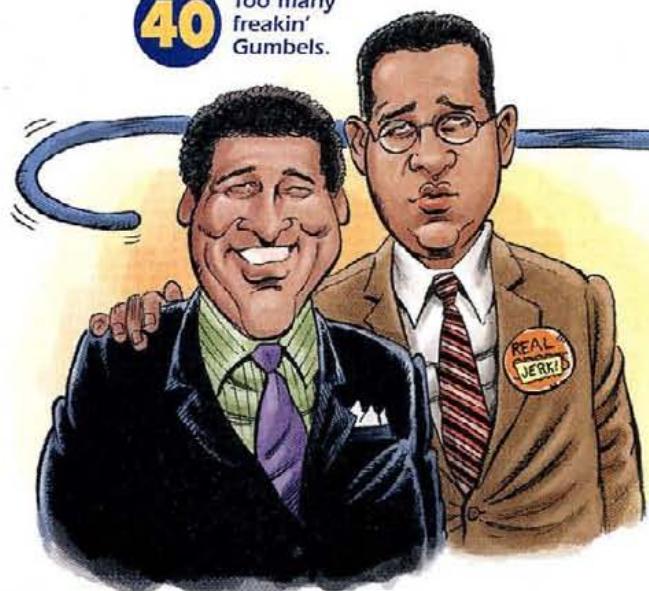
The XFL: It took NBC an entire season to figure out what viewers knew after the first quarter of the first game: Vince McMahon doesn't know squat about REAL sports.

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The "plausibly live" Olympic coverage that lets us all thrill to two and a half ad-packed hours of NBC buildup for a 9-second race that was already over last night.

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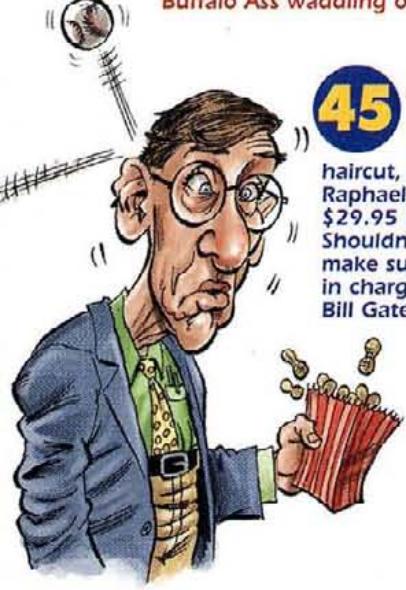
Too many freakin' Gumbels.

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Sports wrapups that announce the "results" of meaningless cnn.com/sports or espn.com polls with a straight face. 300 morons pound "Vote" over and over until Shawn Kemp gets 88% of the vote for Greatest Basketball Player Ever, with Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell tied at 4% apiece.

MAD'S 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT... SPORTS

44 The unending noise over John Madden's private bus. Yeah, we get it. Madden hates to fly. GOOD! Did you ever think how afraid the other passengers would be if they saw Mr. Buffalo Ass waddling onto THEIR airplane?

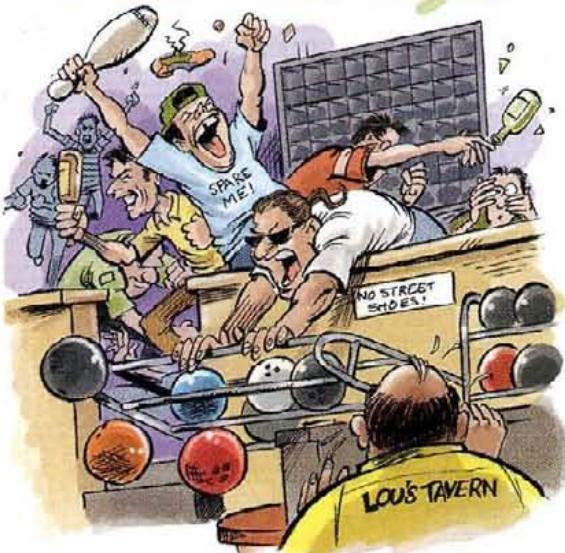


45 Baseball owner-turned-commissioner Bud Selig and his SuperCuts haircut, his Sally Jesse Raphael glasses, and his \$29.95 Don Knotts suit. Shouldn't any manly sport make sure they have a guy in charge who could take Bill Gates in a slapfight?

46 Everybody's Sucky Posters Non-Stop

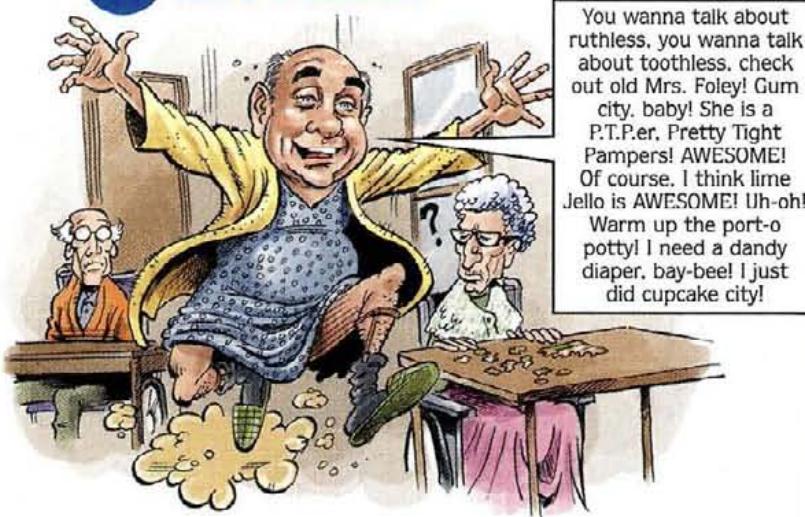
48 Notre Dame football. If the team went 1-11, the television suits would STILL give them a prime time bowl game.

49 Roving gangs of ultra-violent hooligans who plague a real game like soccer, instead of a sport where it would be so much funnier, like bowling or ice dancing.



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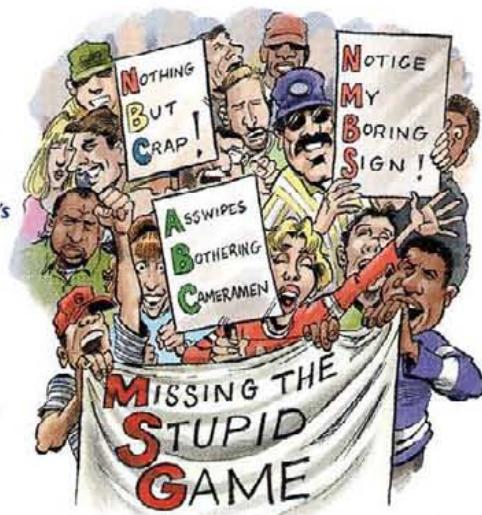
Dick Vitale: If he behaves like this NOW, what happens when he goes senile and loses all his inhibitions?



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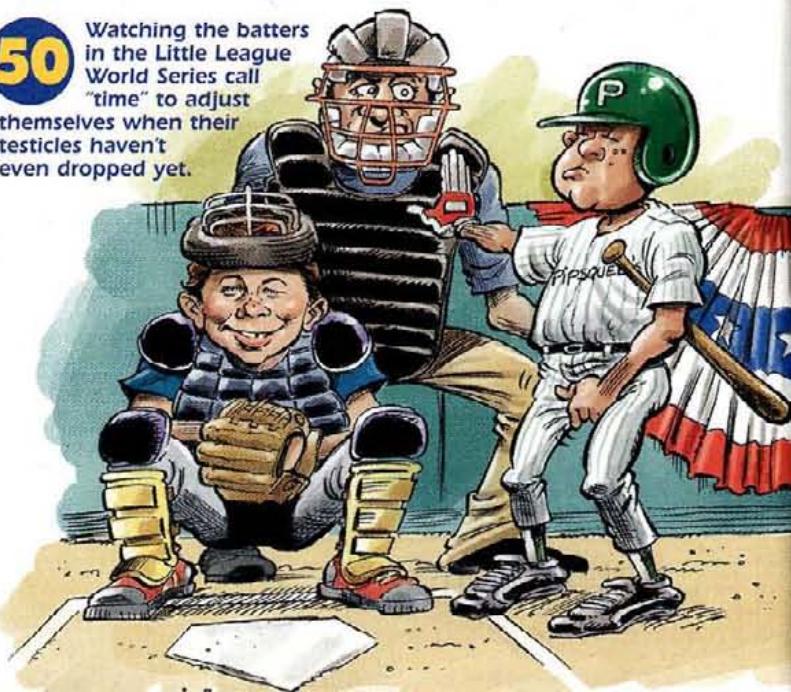
The Olympic "Dream Team."

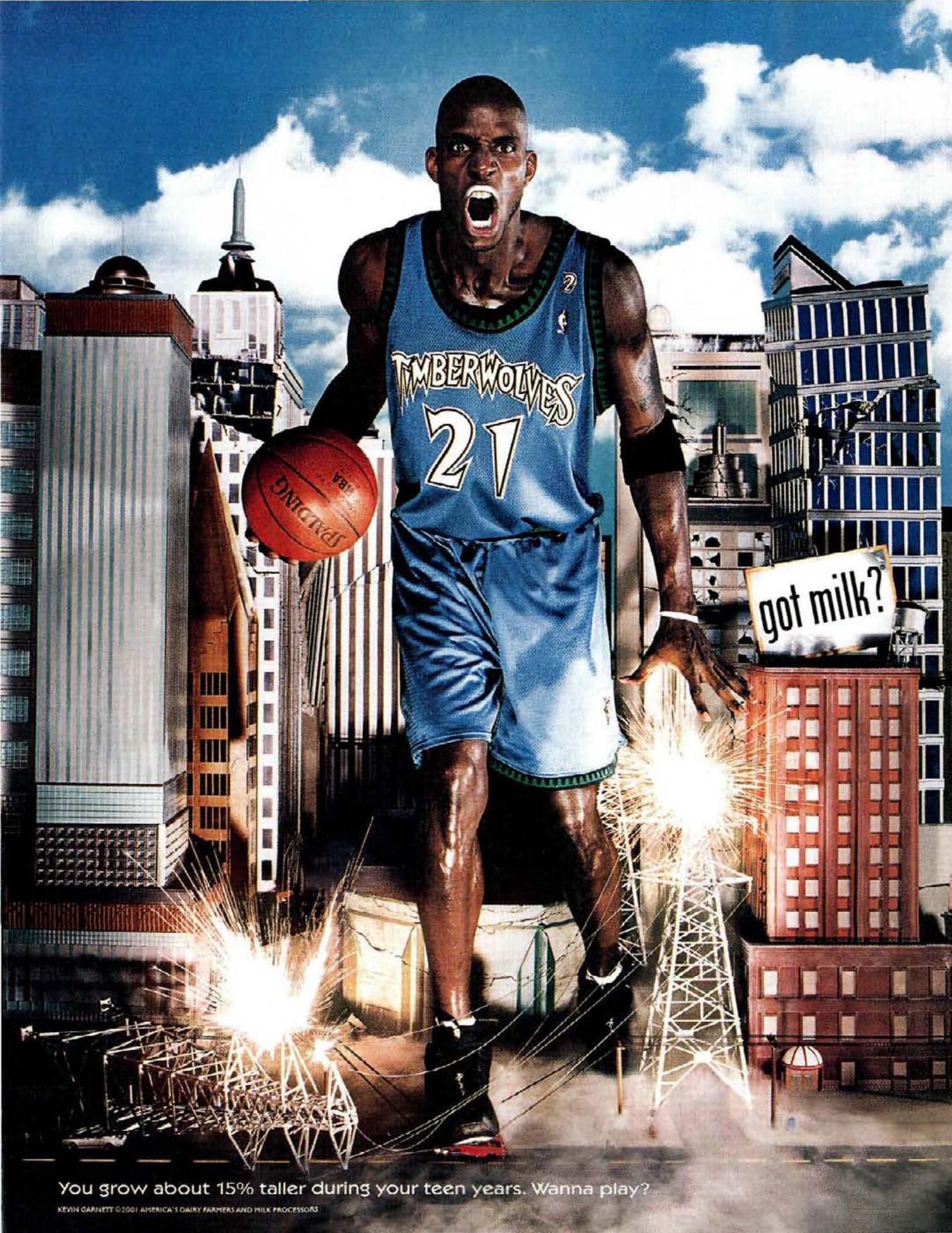
Nothing exemplifies the Olympic ideal better than Allen Iverson bumping the final score up to 128-50 by slamma-jamming over the jaundiced face of a 5-foot-10 Lithuanian center named Gail.



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Watching the batters in the Little League World Series call "time" to adjust themselves when their testicles haven't even dropped yet.





You grow about 15% taller during your teen years. Wanna play?

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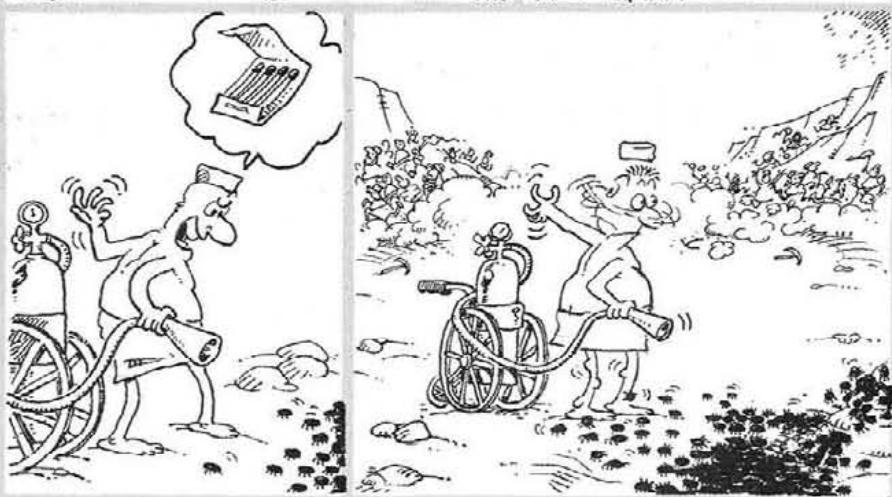
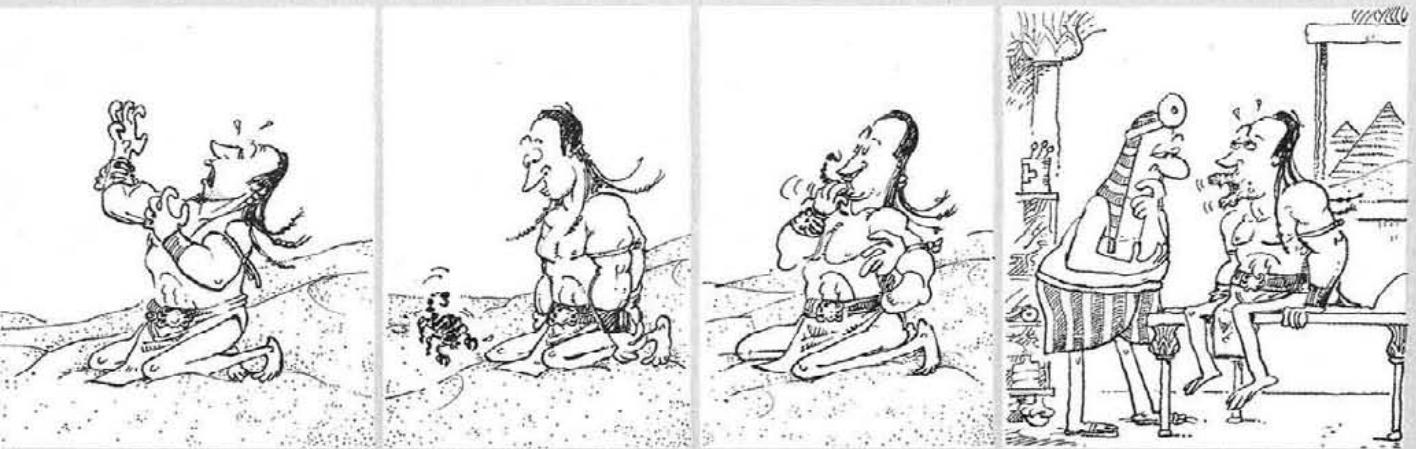


SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

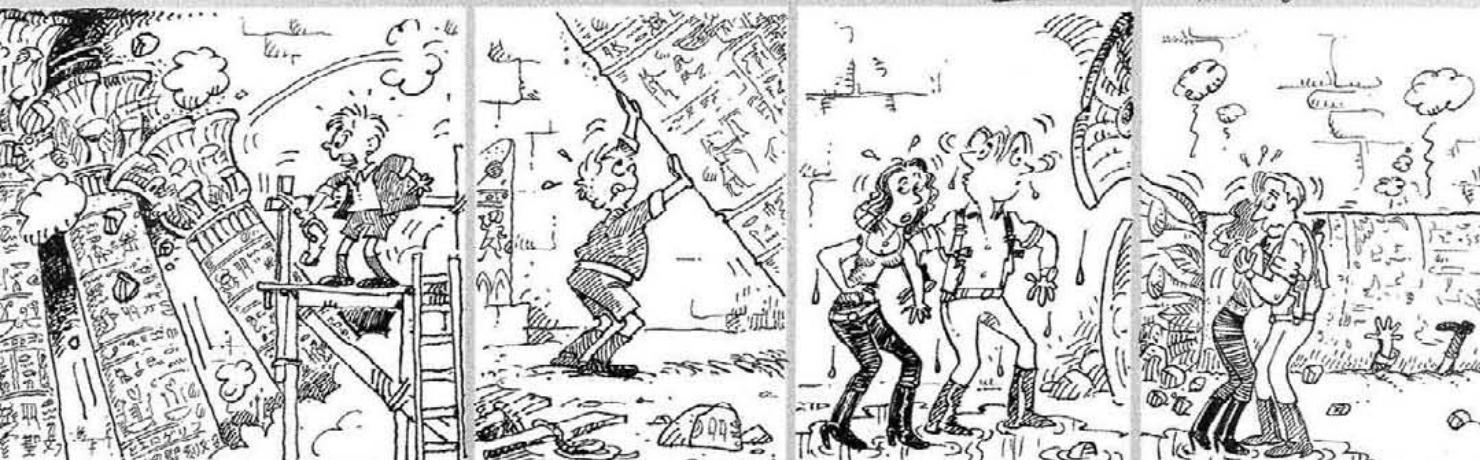
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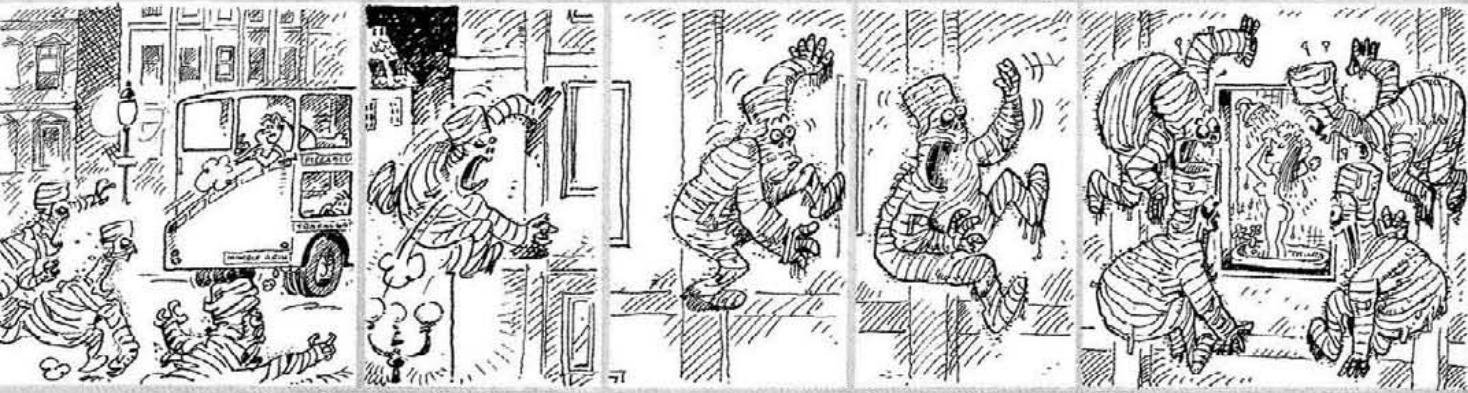
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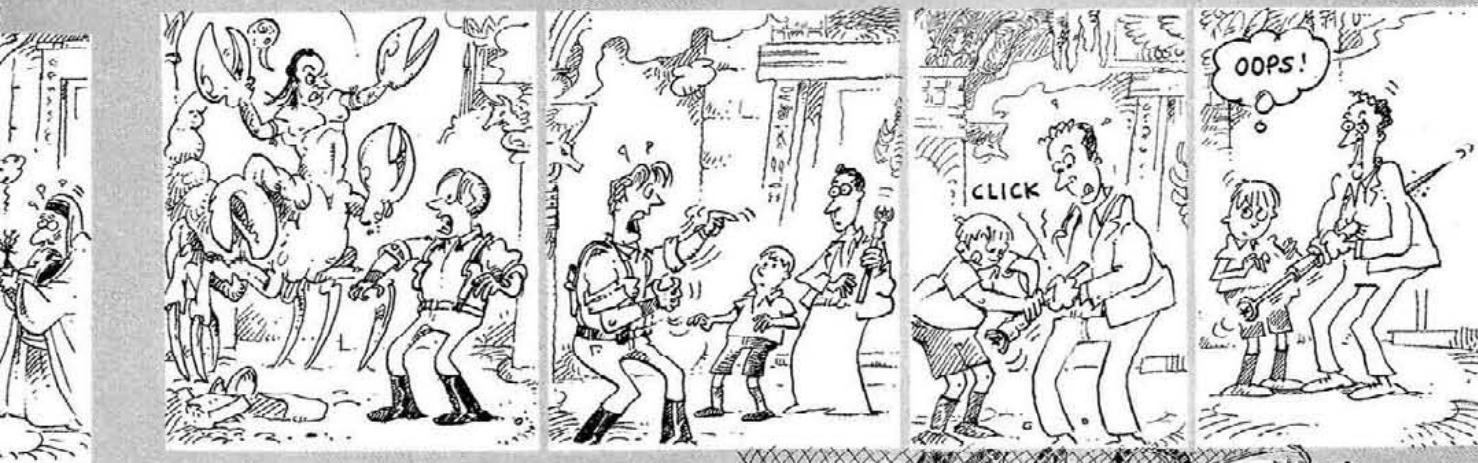
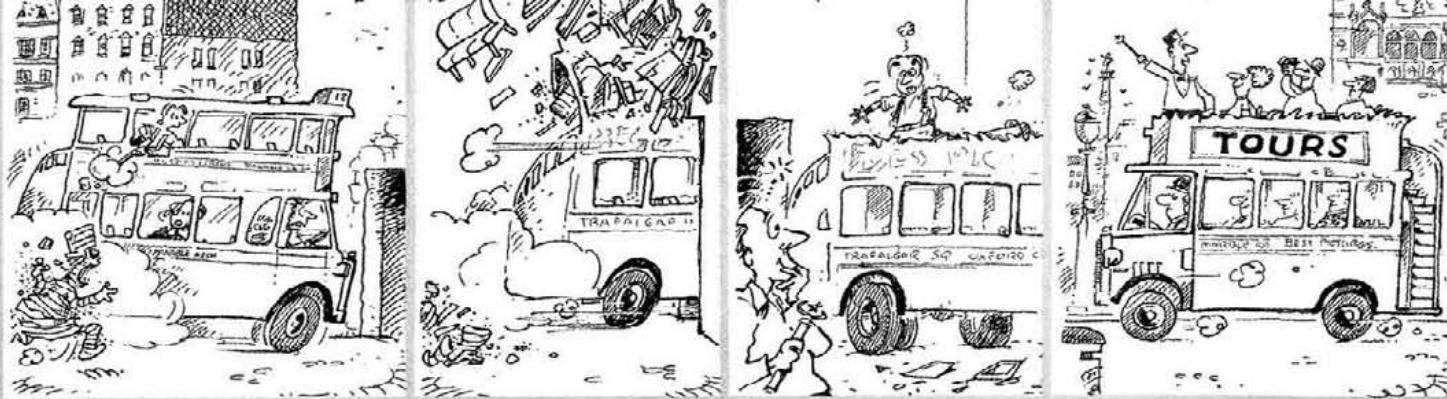
ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



MUMMY RETURNS









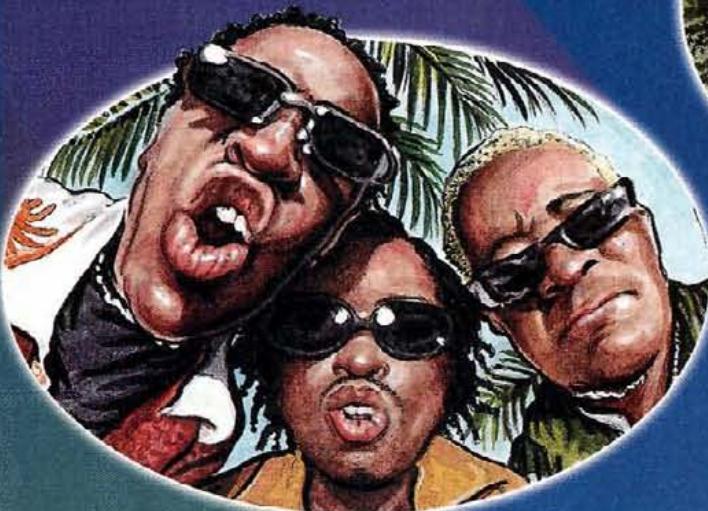
WE BRING YOU FLEETINGS DEPT.

It's time to honor once again
The ones who reached the summit,
Then soon would find in days to come
How quickly they could plummet;
So here they are, this hotshot crew
Whose glory came and went;
Their final moment in the sun
Has come as we present...

15 MIN MAD'S LATEST

BAHA MEN

"Who let the dogs out?"
Comes the god-awful shout
As their lyric incessantly blares;
We hear the refrain,
We reply in great pain –
"Who Let the Dogs Out?
Who? Who? Who cares?"

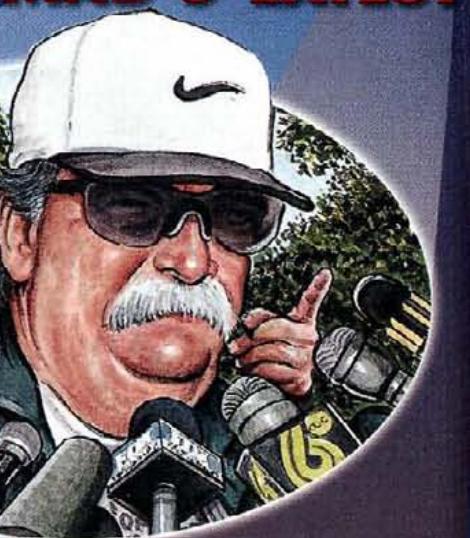


BUDWEISER'S "WHASSUP" GUYS

It was scarcely high art
Like a belch or a fart
When the tube they'd defile and pollute;
We were lucky indeed
In those moments of need
Our remote was equipped with a mute.

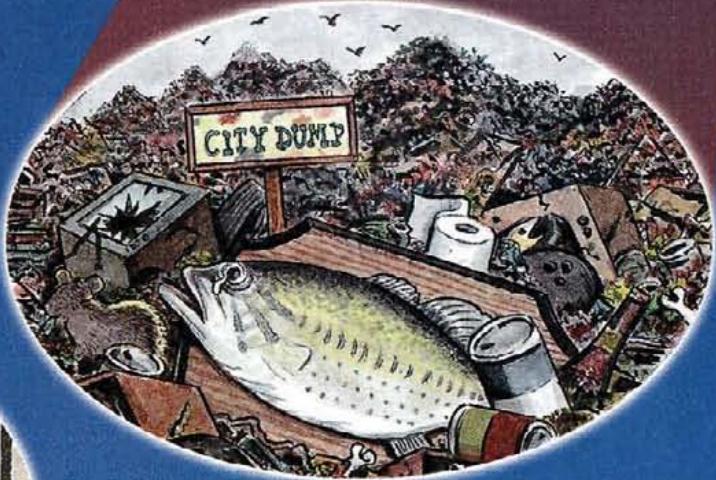


MAD'S LATEST



FLUFF

Fluff relished success,
Got some fabulous press;
On the fairway with Tiger he'd strut;
But you're way over par
When you upstage a star –
Bye, bye, Fluff, you did not make the cut.



BIG MOUTH BILLY BASS

From his plaque he would croon
A deplorable tune,
Then repeat it 'gainst ev'ryone's wishes;
We can sigh with relief
That his life was quite brief;
Let's give thanks – he now sleeps with the fishes

ITES OF FAME DISPOSABLE DOZEN

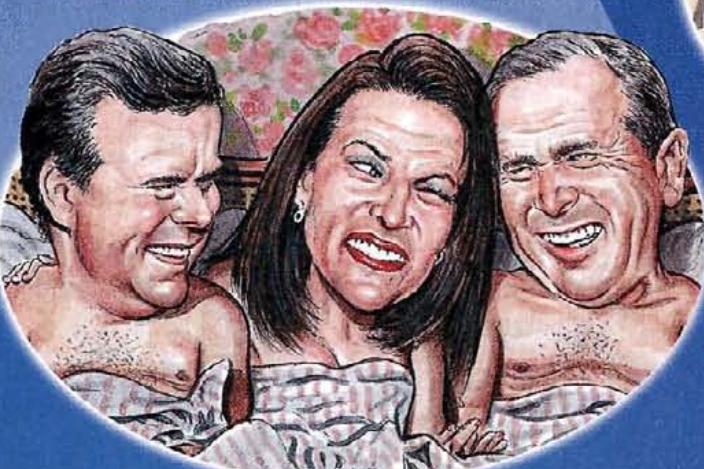
THE PETS.COM SOCK PUPPET

*Its investors wiped out,
There was clearly great doubt
That the puppet could earn its own keep;
So, with grief and dismay,
Like most dotcoms today,
The poor mutt was at last put to sleep.*



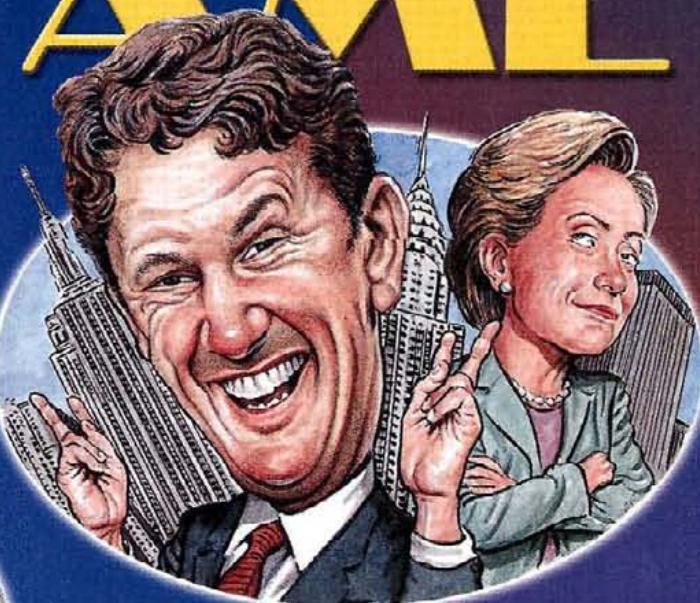
KATHERINE HARRIS

*"I must do what is fair,"
She was heard to declare,
"After all, that's what state laws are for."
Her words, once dissected,
Meant "Get Bush elected,
And make sure that we've shafted Al Gore!"*



LINDA CHAVEZ

*Her maid, Feds made clear,
Was illegally here;
Thus our new Labor Sec she won't be;
Since she's jobless today,
Let her work for low pay,
Cleaning public latrines in D.C.*



RICK LAZIO

*When Rudy withdrew,
The Republicans knew
That their chances of winning were dead;
So they offered up Rick,
Whose campaigning meant dick –
Hell, the chump should have stayed home in bed.*



15 MINUTES OF FAME

MAD'S LATEST DISPOSABLE DOZEN

JOHN CARPENTER

As the first "Millionaire"
Regis crowned on the air,
He was showered with many a plaudit;
But he still goes to work
As an IRS clerk –
Lucky guy – his own tax he can audit.



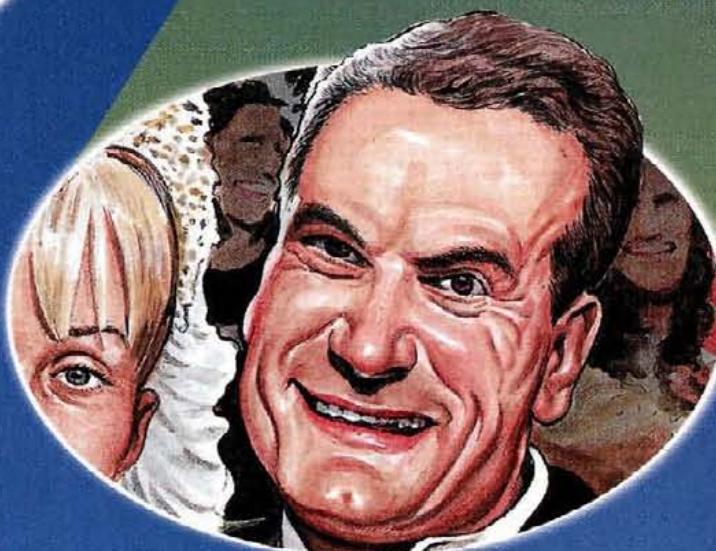
DARVA CONGER

With her "privacy" gone,
She survived and moved on,
When in Playboy she posed in the raw;
Half the world now has viewed
Darva totally nude,
Which is more than poor Rick ever saw.



MARISLEYIS GONZALEZ

As Elian's cousin,
She kept us all buzzin';
But shortly her motives were clear –
The way to be seen
Ev'ry night on the screen
Was to keep the poor kid rotting here.



RICK ROCKWELL

He came off like a schmuck,
So for us it's good luck
That he isn't hot news any longer;
Still, we feel for the guy;
If you want to know why,
See our ditty about Darva Conger.



7-11 PM {e/p}



*What do you think
you're doing?*

*Instead of Courage the Cowardly Dog, you're
watching the same thing you did as a little kid?*

Scary.



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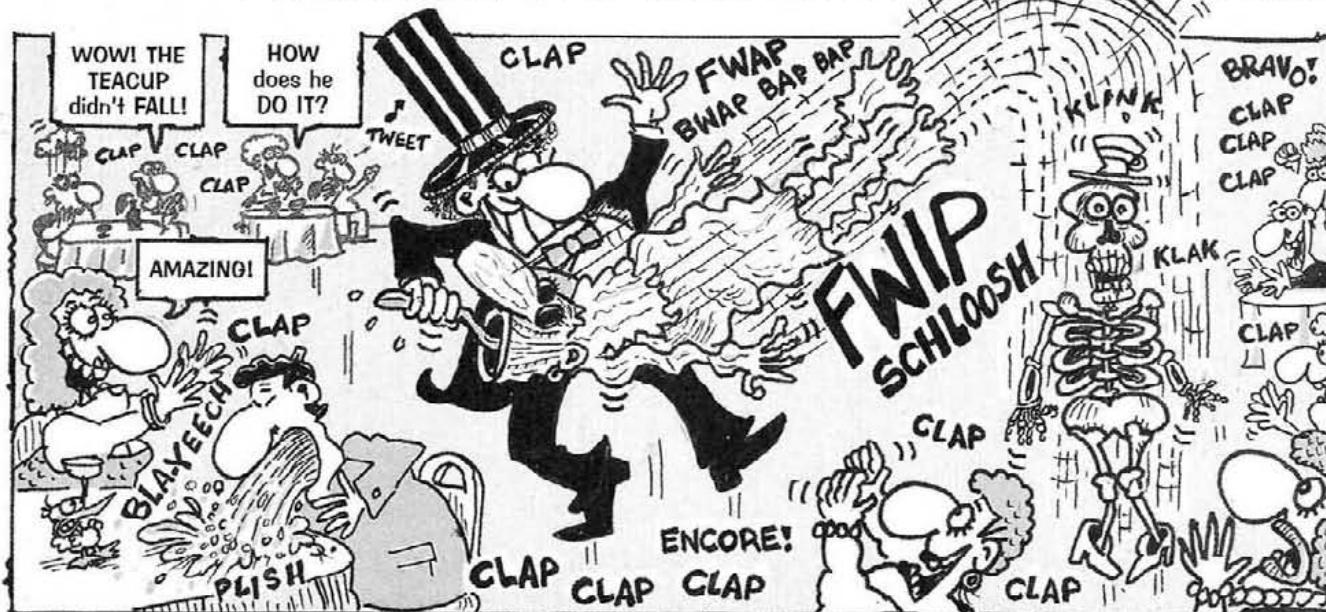
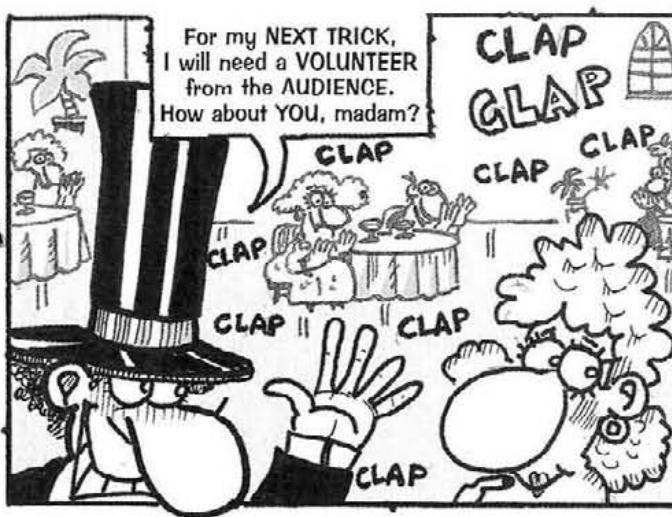
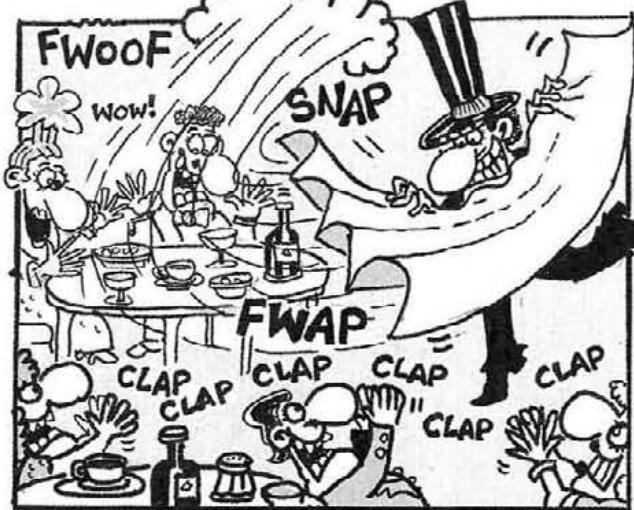
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TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

THE MIRACLE JERKER





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the same thing you did as a little kid?

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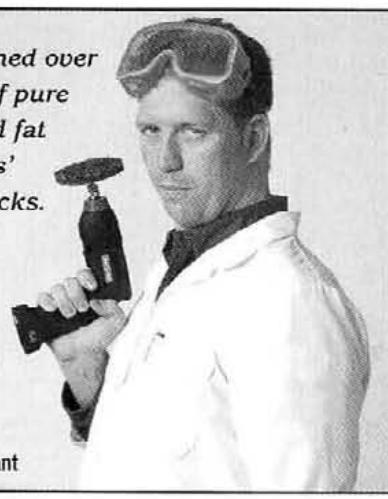
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WRITERS: JOE RAIOLA & J. PRETE



7-11 PM {e/p}



**What do you think
you're doing?**

*Instead of **Johnny Bravo**, you're watching
the same thing you did as a little kid?*

Not pretty.



TELE-CHUBBY DEPT.

Okay, the lead actor in this series is not exactly a babe magnet. Nonetheless, this comedy looms large on the CBS schedule. Mothers, grab hold of your little ones. Here is...

the King

I'm Dudd Heftone! I'm a parcel delivery man with simple bread and butter tastes. I like twelve-foot subs, bowling, drumsticks, WWF Smackdown, and, most of all, bread and butter! I'm a guy's guy! If you tickle me my belly shakes, if you stab me I bleed gravy! No one's confusing me with Frasier! I have two big loves in my life. I love my 70-inch big-screen TV and I love my wife! With the TV I can make adjustments!

I'm Dudd's wife, Carry! When I signed on to do this CBS Monday night comedy series the executives told me my leading man would be a combination of Ted Danson and Ray Romano! They didn't tell me they were talking gross weight! It's not exactly a "Chick Show," but the humor on this series is relatively sophisticated. No one started hurling till episode six! On this show, Dudd and I are childless. Let me rephrase that. We do have a baby. He happens to be 70 years old! Meet the Parent!

I'm Archer Boomer! I'm a Father-in-law once removed. Once removed from Seinfeld! I play a senile loose cannon! Some days I can be cantankerous, arrogant and cranky. Most days I won't be that pleasant! On my last series I also lived in Queens. After 40 years in show biz my career has come down to this: moving around the borough annoying people!



-size of QUEENS

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: JOSH GORDON

We're Dudd's macho buddies. Shpritz, Deak and Itchy! Dudd may be the king, but we're not "queens" like the title suggests! On this series you won't find anyone lounging around a coffee bar sipping lattes!

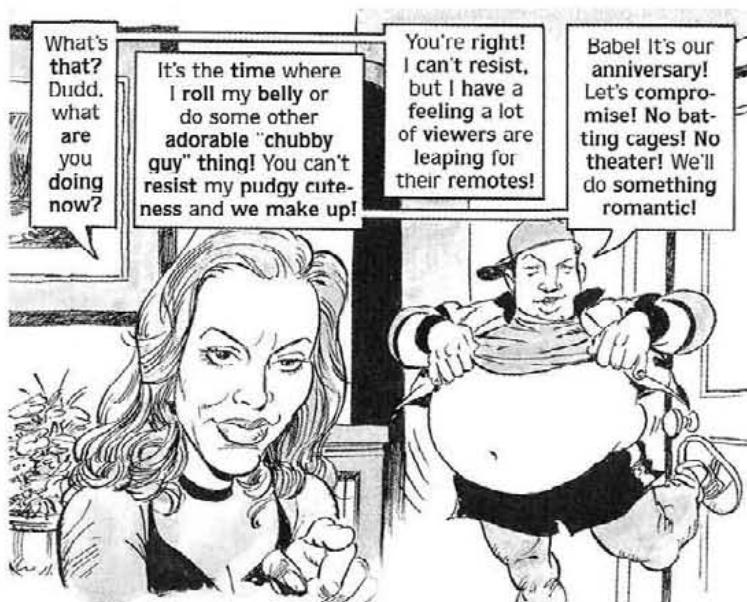
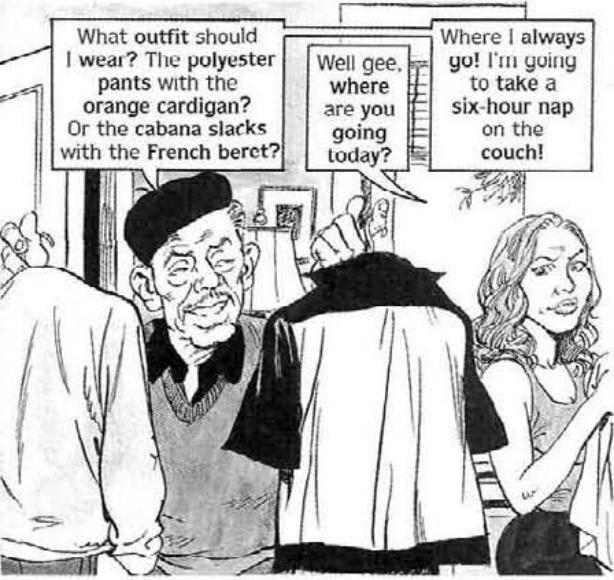
We like to sit in garages downing beers and watching football!

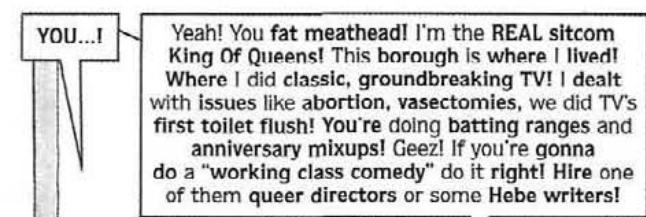
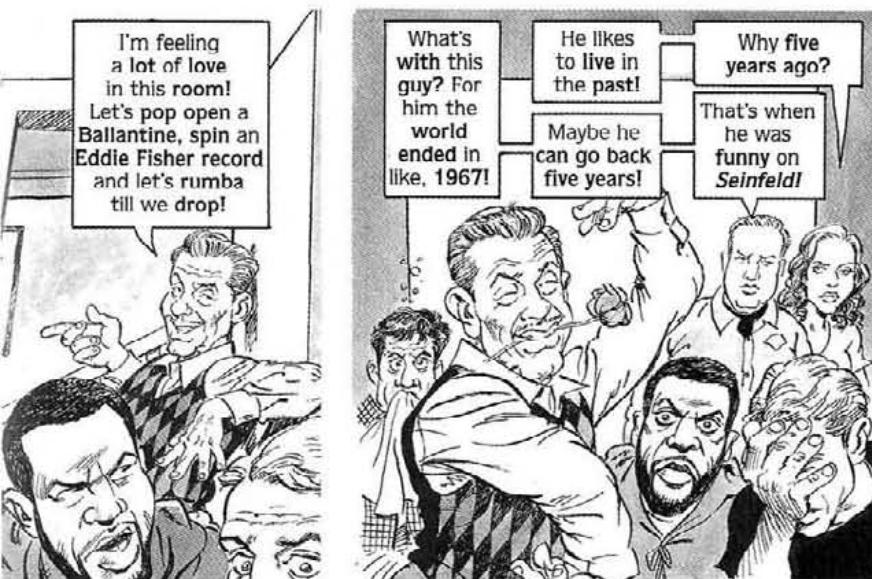
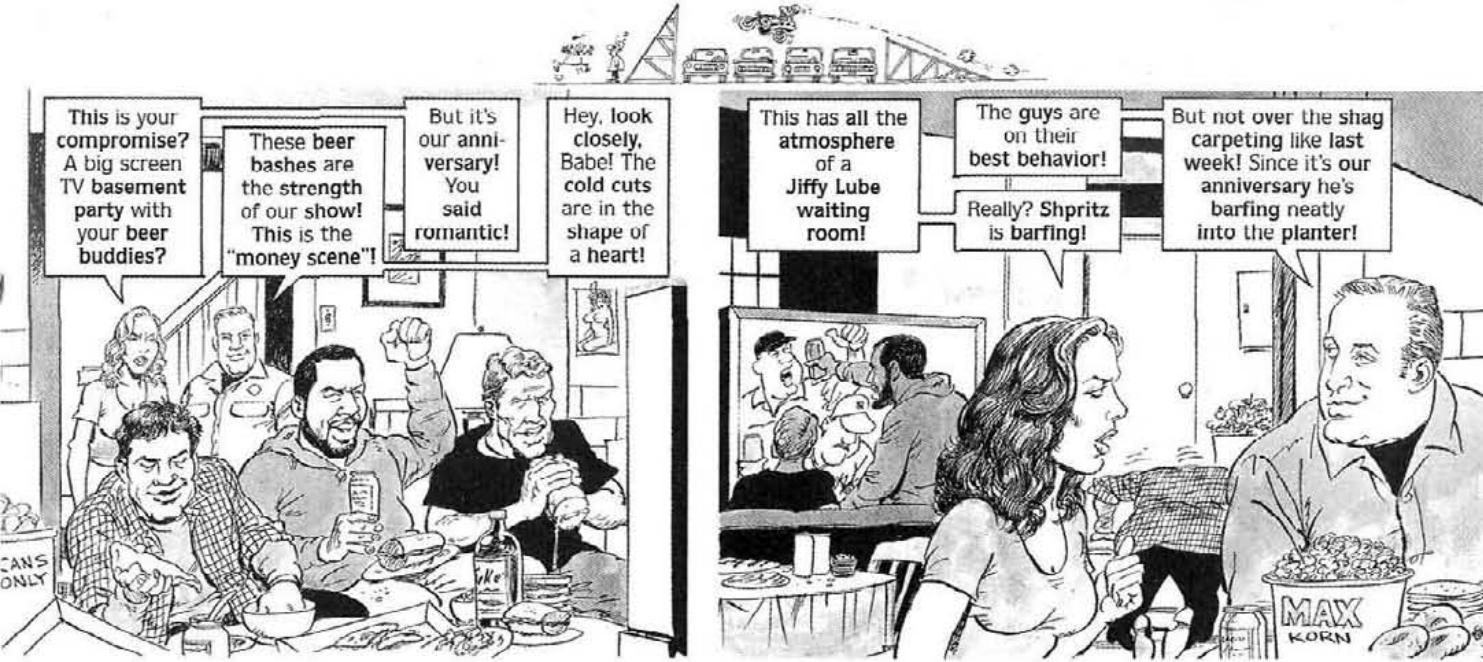
Sometimes it's Dudd's garage. Sometimes it's with complete strangers!

Guys sitting around a basement in Queens guzzling beer and munching nachos! Man, could it be any better than this?

It could be if we changed Queens to Boston, changed the basement to a pub named "Cheers" and said really funny things!

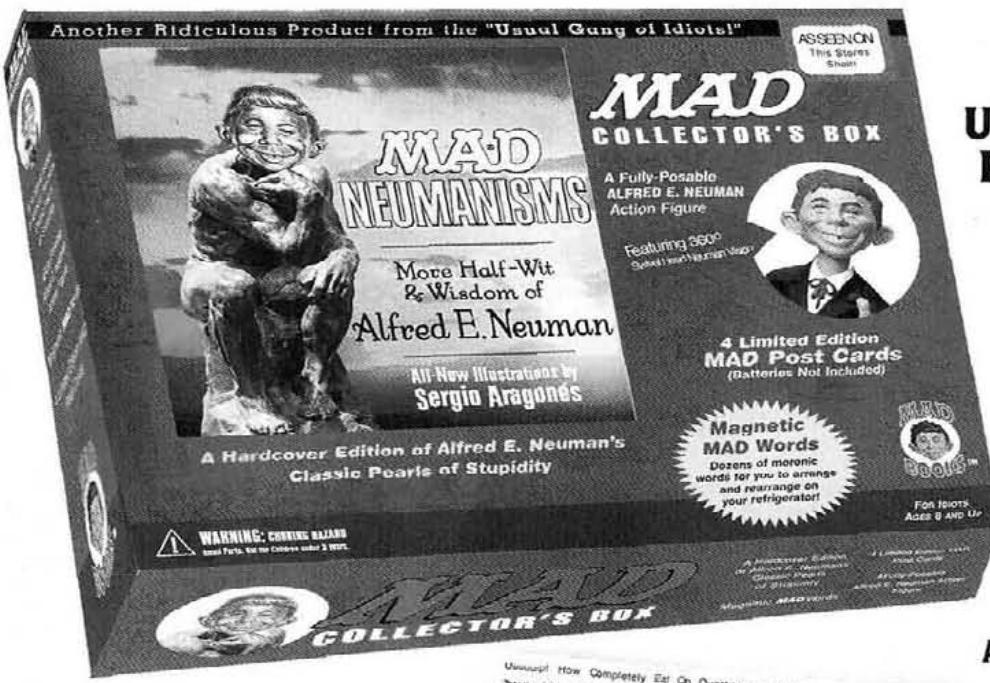






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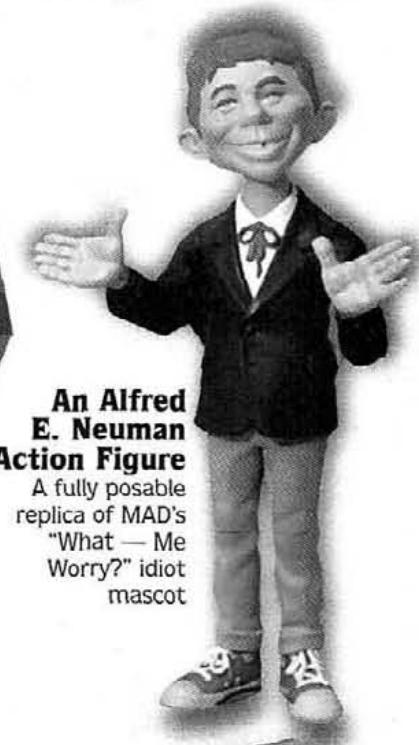
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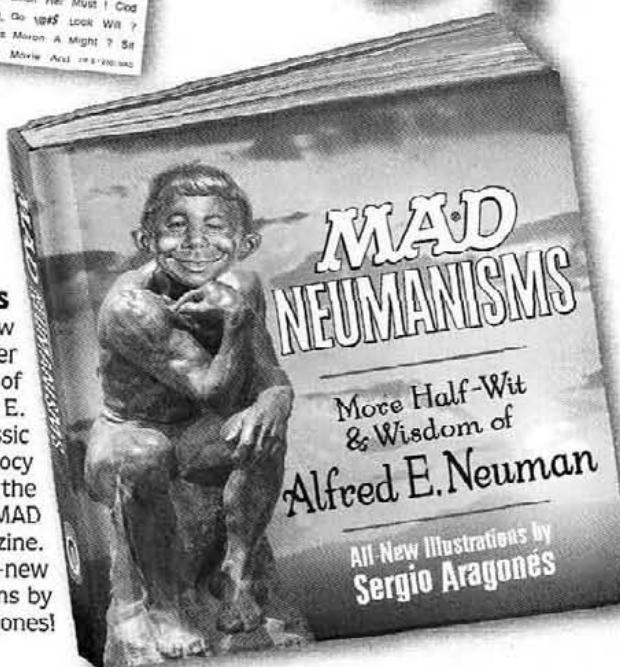
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If you're planning on visiting one of our national parks, you better hurry before President Cheney — oops we mean President Bush — begins drilling for oil under each and every rock like he was Jed Clampett on a Saturday night bender. But at least for now these great natural wonder treasures are here for you to enjoy and us to make fun of. Here's...



A MAD PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES AT A NATIONAL PARK

This campsite will be such a wonderful escape from the over-crowded city!

This campsite will be such a wonderful escape from the over-crowded city!

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CAUTION
BEARS
ARE MORE
TAME
THAN YOU
ARE!



Those are really great hiking boots!

They've got patented grip tight soles, a rubber toe bumper, a padded gusset tongue and a waterproof Gore-Tex lining!

Are you ready to go for a hike?

No way! I'm gonna stay here at base camp! If anything happened to these \$500 boots I'd kill myself!



I'm out here in the woods with only a pair of tweezers, two batteries and a broken compass...this awesome Outward Bound program is teaching me how to survive out here on my own!

Looks like we've got another Outward Bound success story here!

You bet! We spent two bucks on his supplies and we're milking yet another sucker outta five grand!

Let's face it, we are lost!

I thought your Global Positioning System searched the sky for satellites to pinpoint our position!

It does!

So how could we be lost?

Because the very first thing it searches for is fresh batteries, and I forgot to put them in!

5 MILE PORTAGE

Ever since *The Blair Witch Project*, I haven't felt safe hanging out in the woods!

Me neither! I live in terror of running into a group of screaming idiots chasing after each other with a video camera to make a low-budget movie!

Indeed! This is really great! It's the very essence of community and...oops!

You clumsy jerk! You knocked my marshmallow into the fire, you stupid bastard!

Sitting around a campfire is a celebration of the peace and serenity of the beautiful bonds of human kind in nature!



The only theme we look for when eating out is fine dining in a relaxed atmosphere. But somewhere along the way somebody thought restaurant patrons would like to look at Rod Stewart's arch supports while chowing down, so The Hard Rock Cafe was born. Other theme restaurants followed, some going out of business faster than Ricki Lake going through an all-you-can-eat shrimp bar! The ones that tanked the fastest are catalogued in...

MAD'S GUIDE TO

OUT-OF-BUSINESS Theme



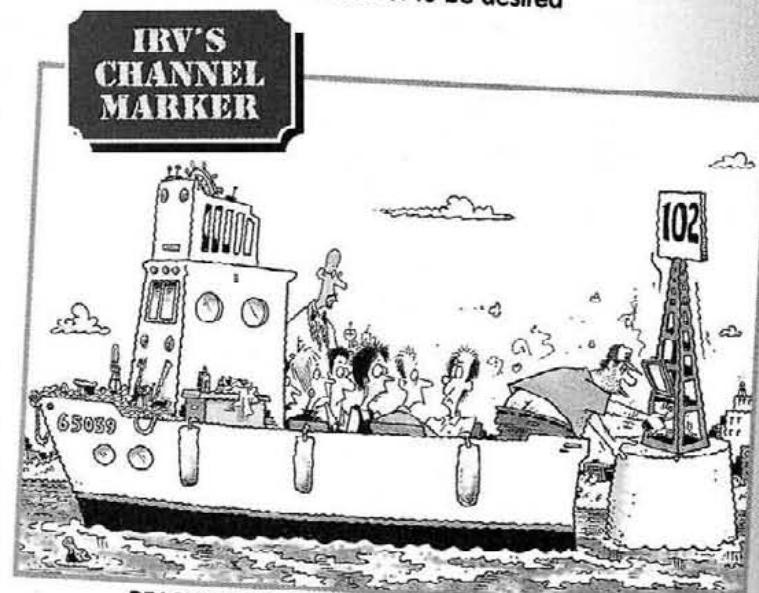
REASON FOR FAILURE...It turned out that welding is just not a theme conducive to fine dining



REASON FOR FAILURE...The so-called "Sports Memorabilia" adorning the walls left a lot to be desired



REASON FOR FAILURE...Tableside slaughtering is not as romantic as it sounds



REASON FOR FAILURE... Somehow, the innate charm of dining al fresco on a working buoy maintenance barge just never caught on.



Restaurants

...AND THE REASON
THEY WENT BELLY UP



REASON FOR FAILURE...Trying to build a customer base on the premise that they're a "Chaw Friendly" establishment was just a bad idea from the get-go



REASON FOR FAILURE...Waiters on stilts made some diners a bit uncomfortable



REASON FOR FAILURE...All meals were served "Dysfunctional Family Style"



REASON FOR FAILURE...The two-waiters-per-table experiment just didn't cut it



These days you can't turn your head without seeing someone else pitching a product. It's time for our hero to get on board. It's...

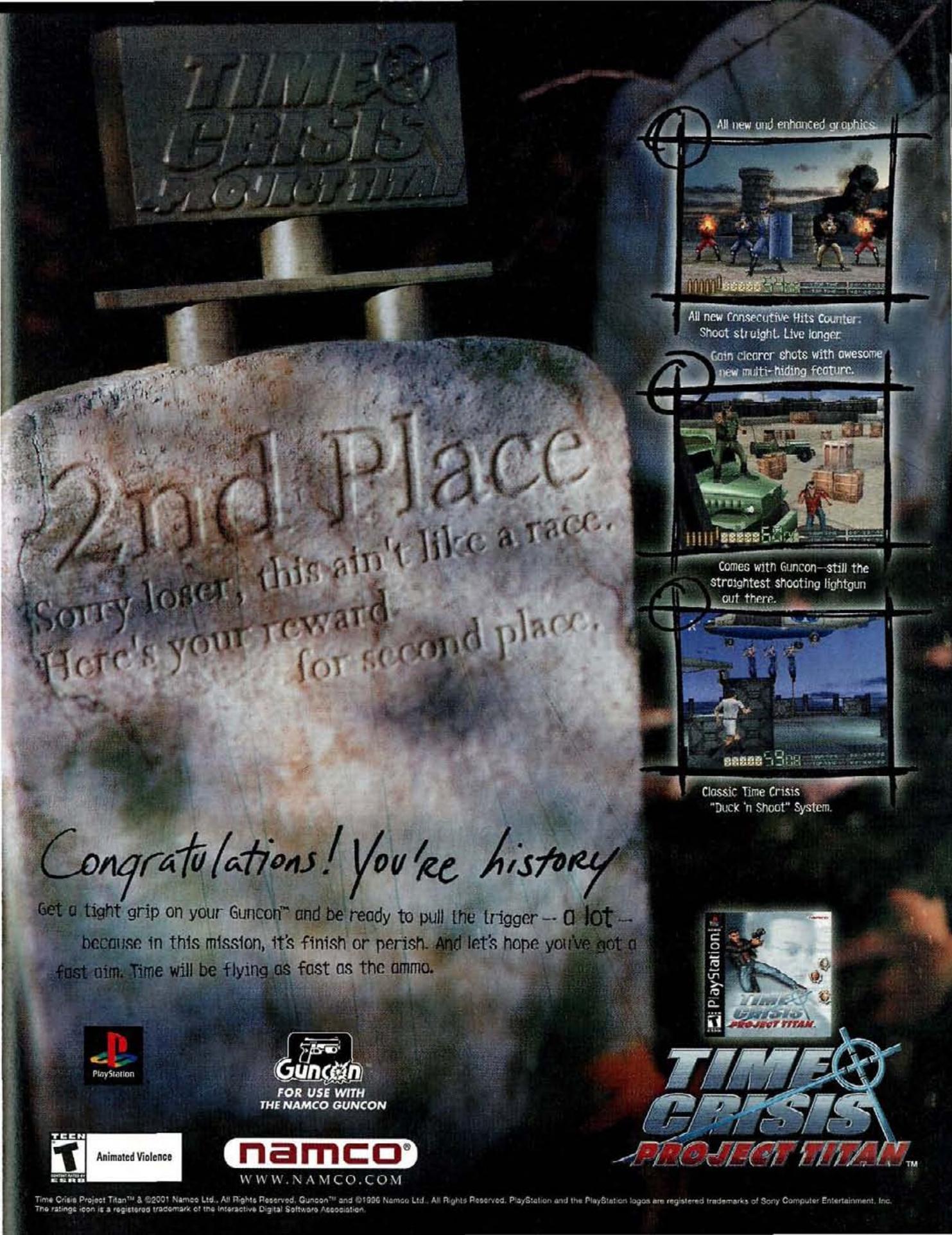
Monroe and...



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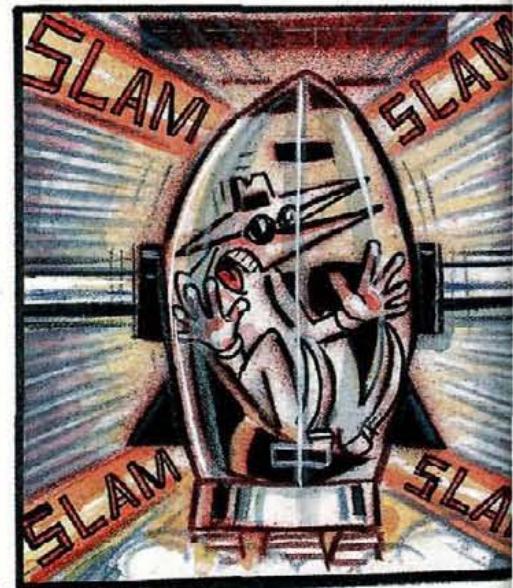
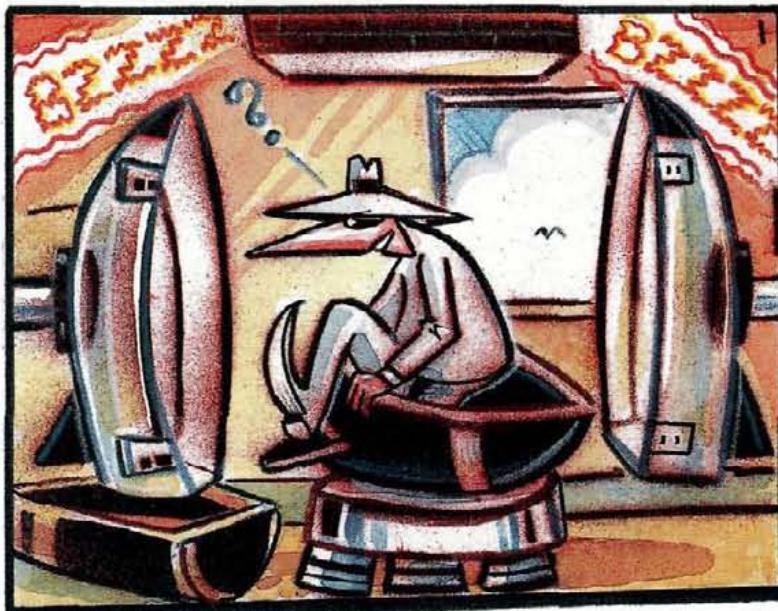


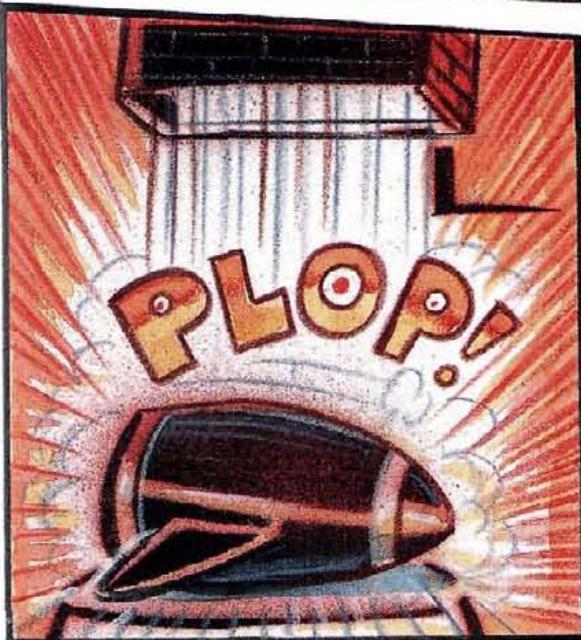
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JOKES AND DAGGER DEPT.







The automobile dashboard used to be such a simple thing — gauges told you how much gas you had and how fast you were going. Along the way, though, two things happened to drivers: we got lazy and we got stupid. Instead of checking the oil, a light

DASHBOARD "IDIOT LIGHTS"

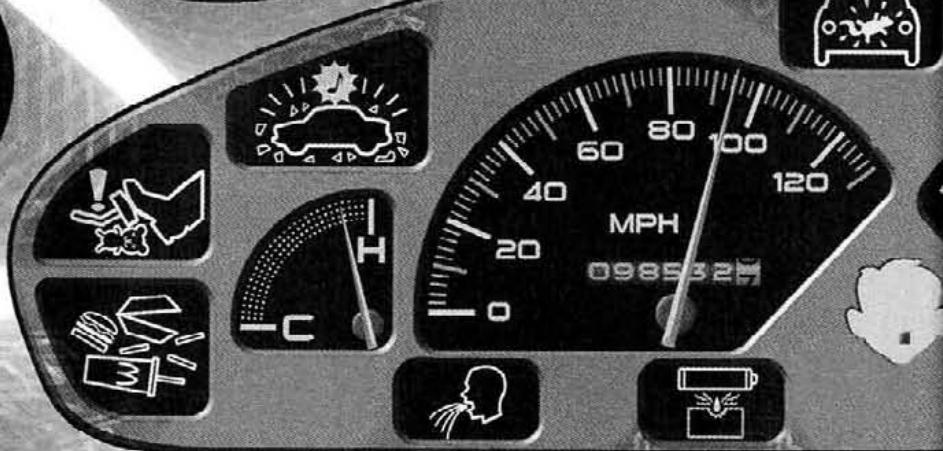
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BOOMING BASS IS CAUSING
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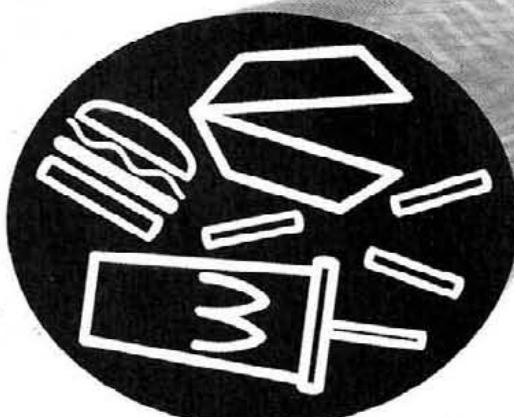
DEAD ANIMAL CAUGHT IN GRILL



CHILD'S TOY HAS BECOME
WEDGED UNDER BRAKE PEDAL



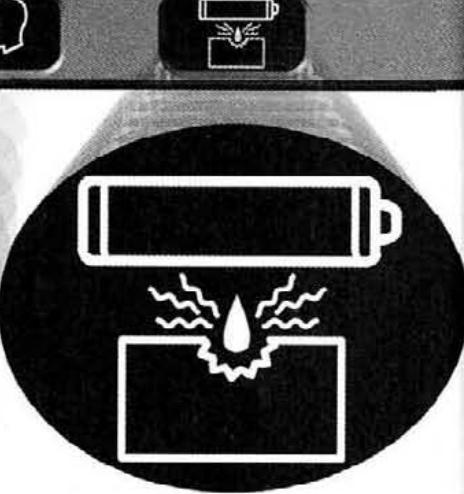
DANGEROUS AMOUNTS OF
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DRUNKEN PASSENGER HAS
PUKED IN BACK SEAT



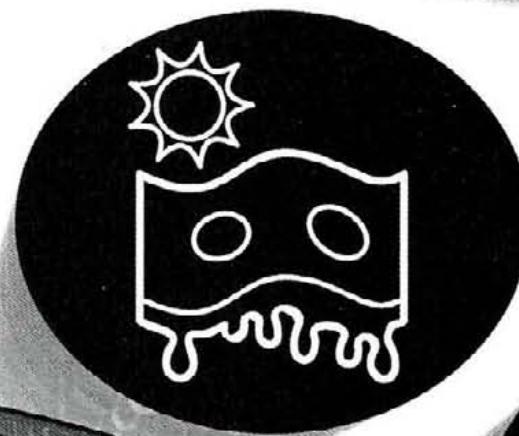
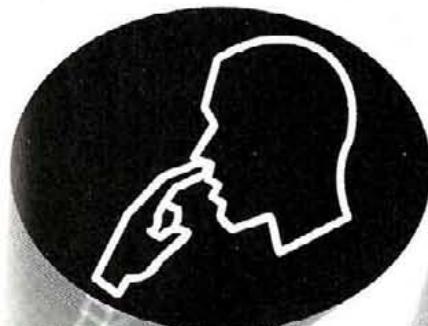
BATTERIES IN FLASHLIGHT IN
GLOVE COMPARTMENT ARE LEAKING
ALL OVER INSURANCE CARD



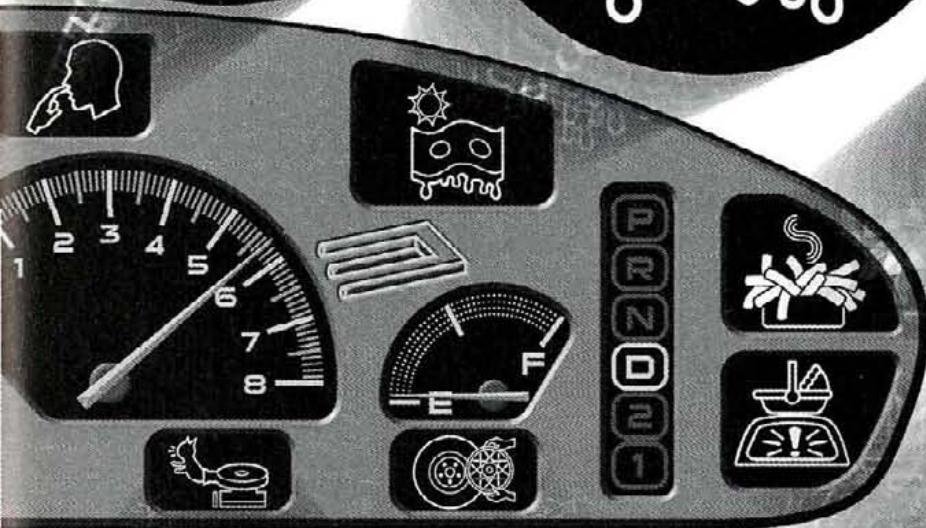
tells us when it's low. Rather than making sure we close the friggin' door, another warning light goes off. And while these "idiot lights" give us the freedom to concentrate on making cell phone calls, fiddling with the radio and applying makeup, the dashboard still doesn't give some truly essential driving information. It's high time we had these...

WE DESPERATELY NEED

EXCESSIVE NOSE PICKING BY DRIVER



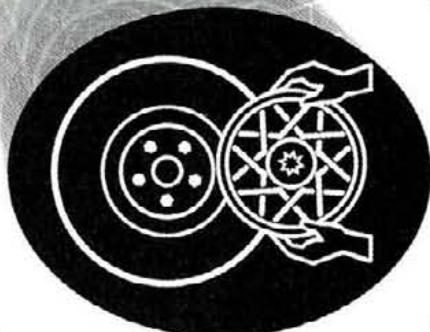
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UNDUMPED ASHTRAY HAS
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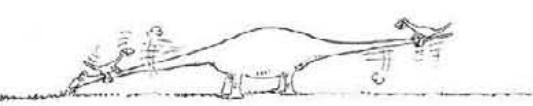
CAT SLEEPING ATOP WARM
MANIFOLD HAS BEEN
PULLED INTO THE ENGINE



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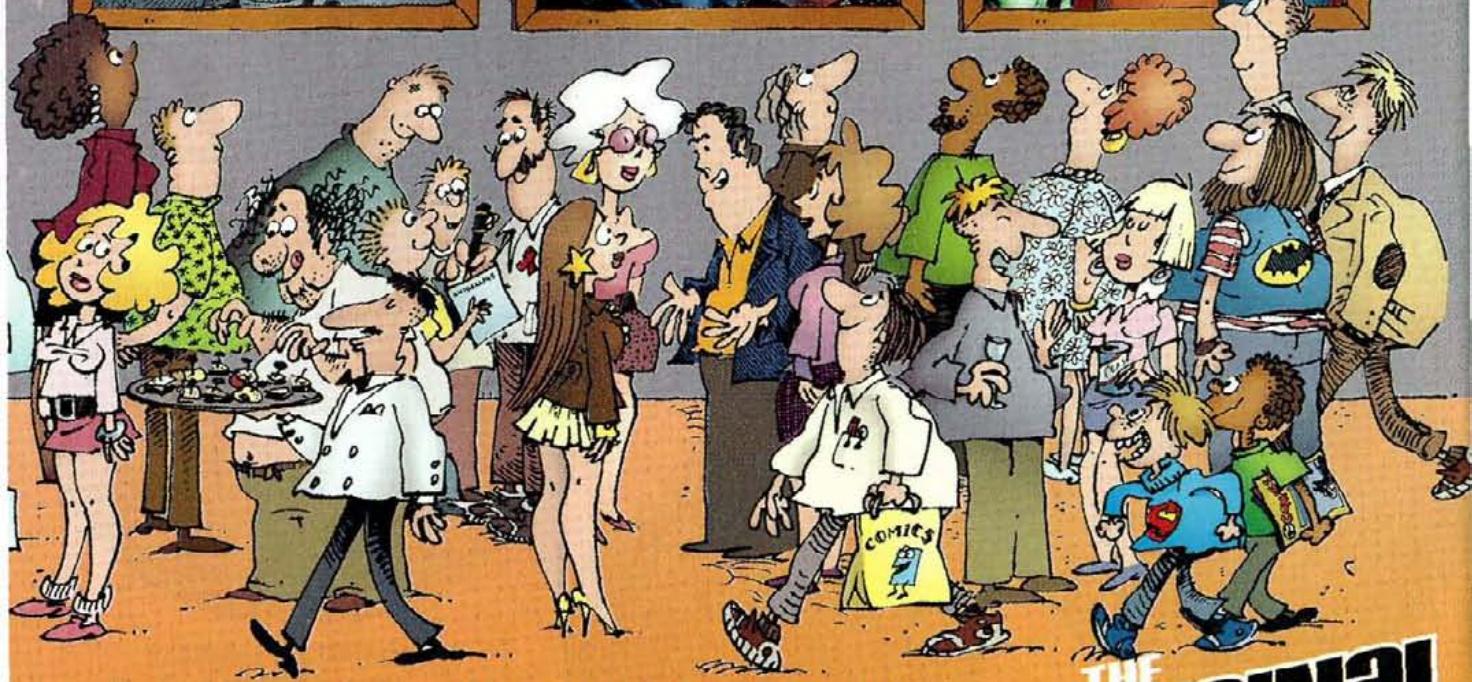
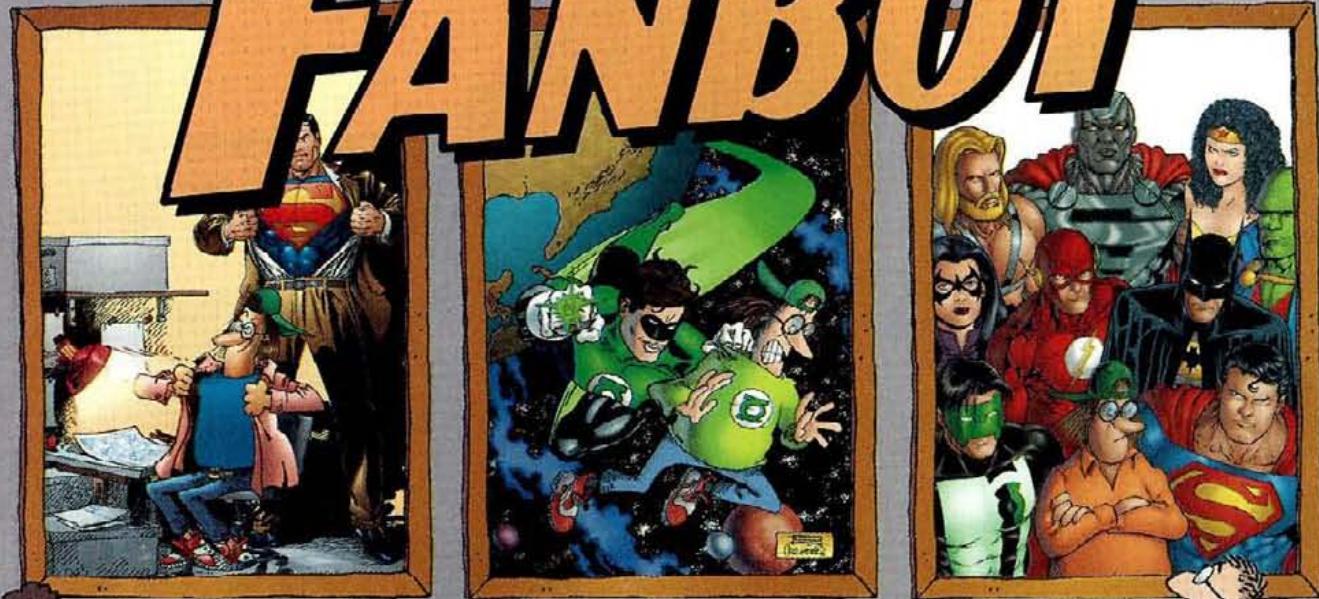


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THE STOCK MARKET TOILET TICKER

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Furball International
Automatic Kitty Licker
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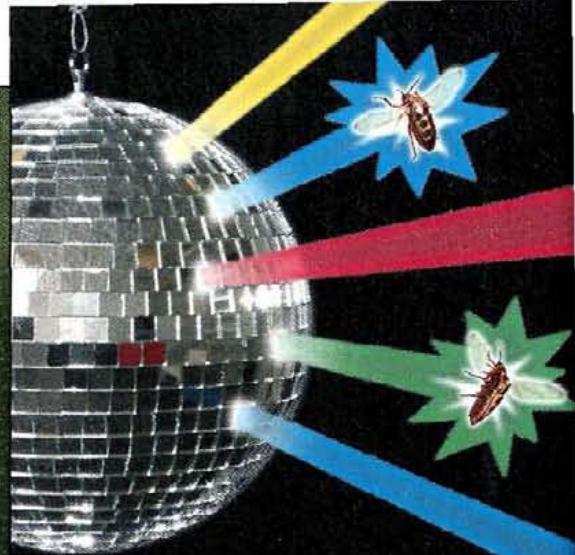
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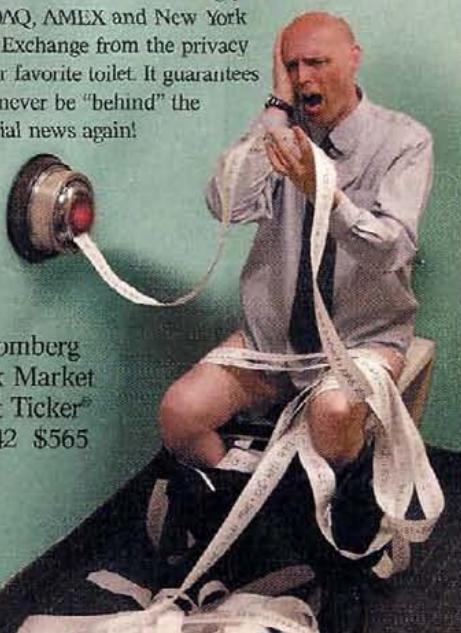
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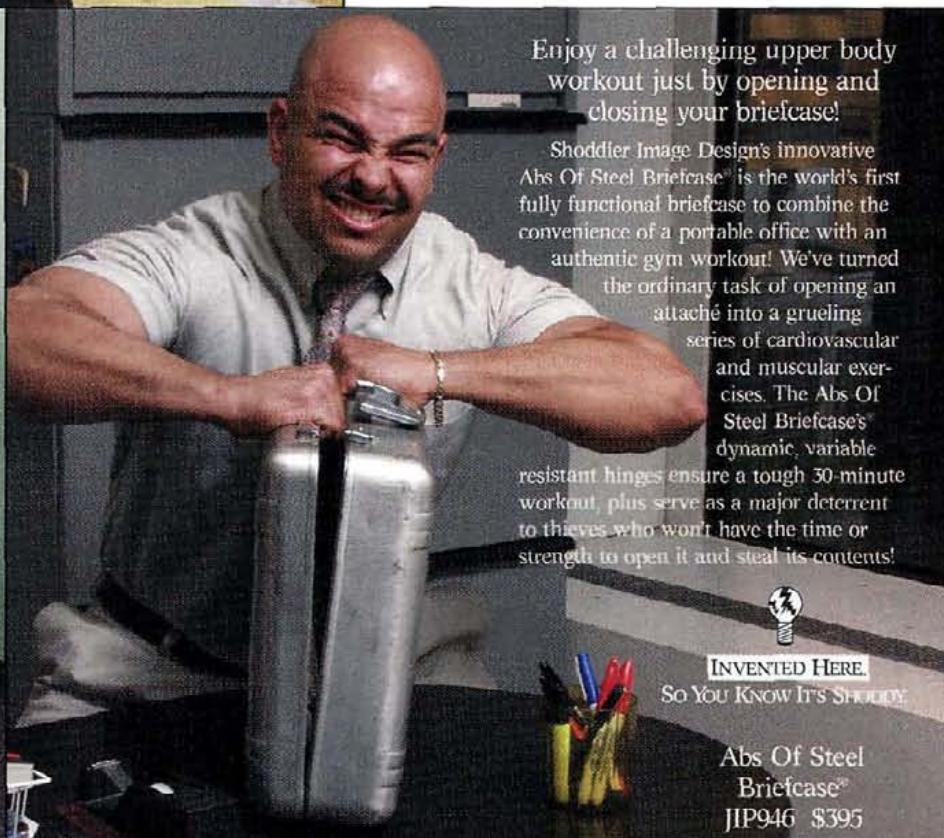
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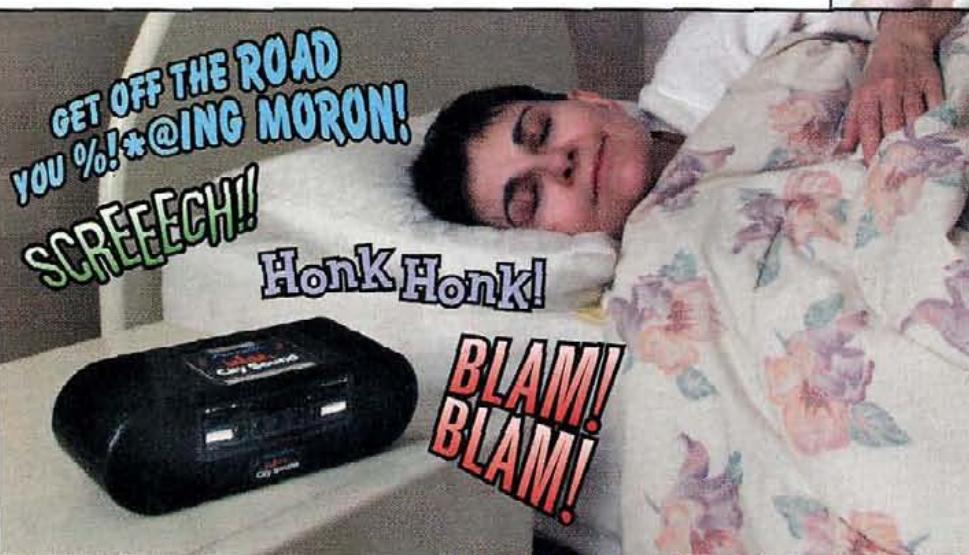
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Oral Security Systems
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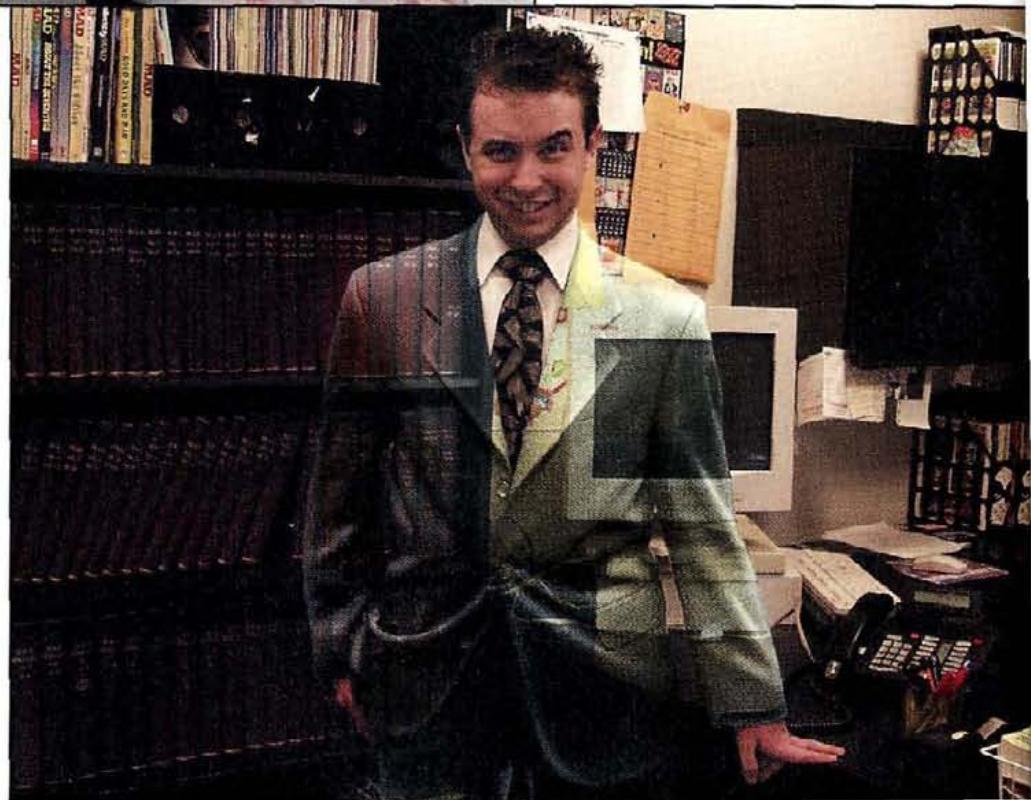
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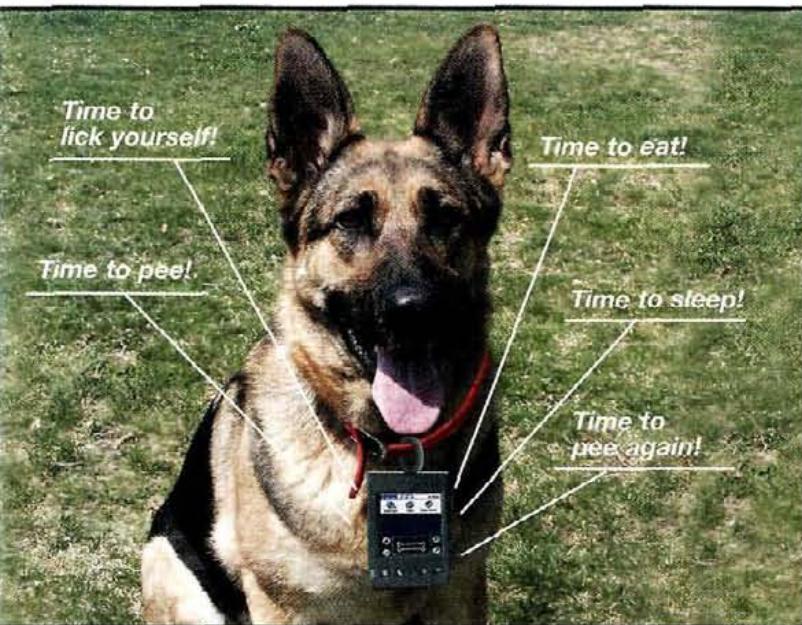
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He's a bitchy, mean-spirited and egotistical doctor. Hey, he's just like the guy you go to ever since you were forced into that crummy HMO! He's...

I'm Groan Bicker, a family doctor in the Bronx with such a boring, monotone bedside manner and gloomy disposition, we had to put bars on my office windows to keep my patients from jumping out! My nurse says

I'm negative about everything and that I don't let people get close to me! I say: What the hell does she know? She's just a woman for God's sake! Negative? Who's negative? I only have two dislikes! The world, and everyone in it!

I'm Market, the head nurse at Doctor Bicker's office! It's true that the doctor has a cold, uncaring side, but once in a while he does show that he has a soft spot! Like the patient in terrible pain that he was treating! Doctor Bicker helped him with an assisted suicide!

Personally, I think the patient's poison ivy would have eventually cleared up, but I'm not a doctor! Now if you'll excuse me, I have to empty the medical waste can! It gets filled so quickly at this office!

I'm Loony, the daffy office assistant! I screw up the medical records, insult the patients, hand out the wrong prescriptions, and once I overloaded the electrical wiring so badly, I almost burned down the office! It's strange, with everything Doctor Bicker yells and screams about, he never fires an idiot like me!



I'm Veggie and I manage the seedy diner where Groan Bicker comes to eat and chat! It's kind of like *Cheers*, but without the beers...and without the funny jokes, the wonderful chemistry, the people with real-life personalities, and the plots that viewers cared about!

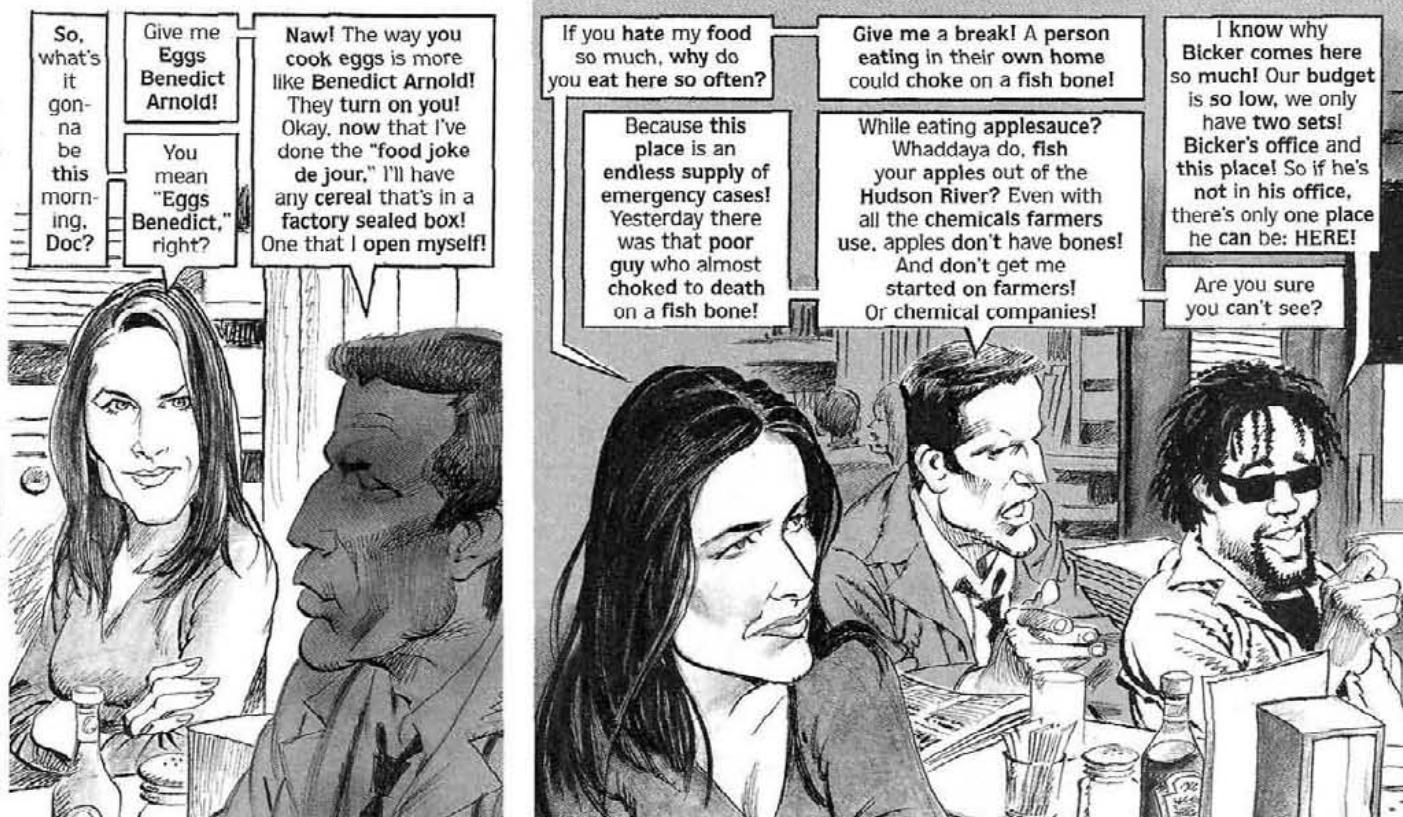
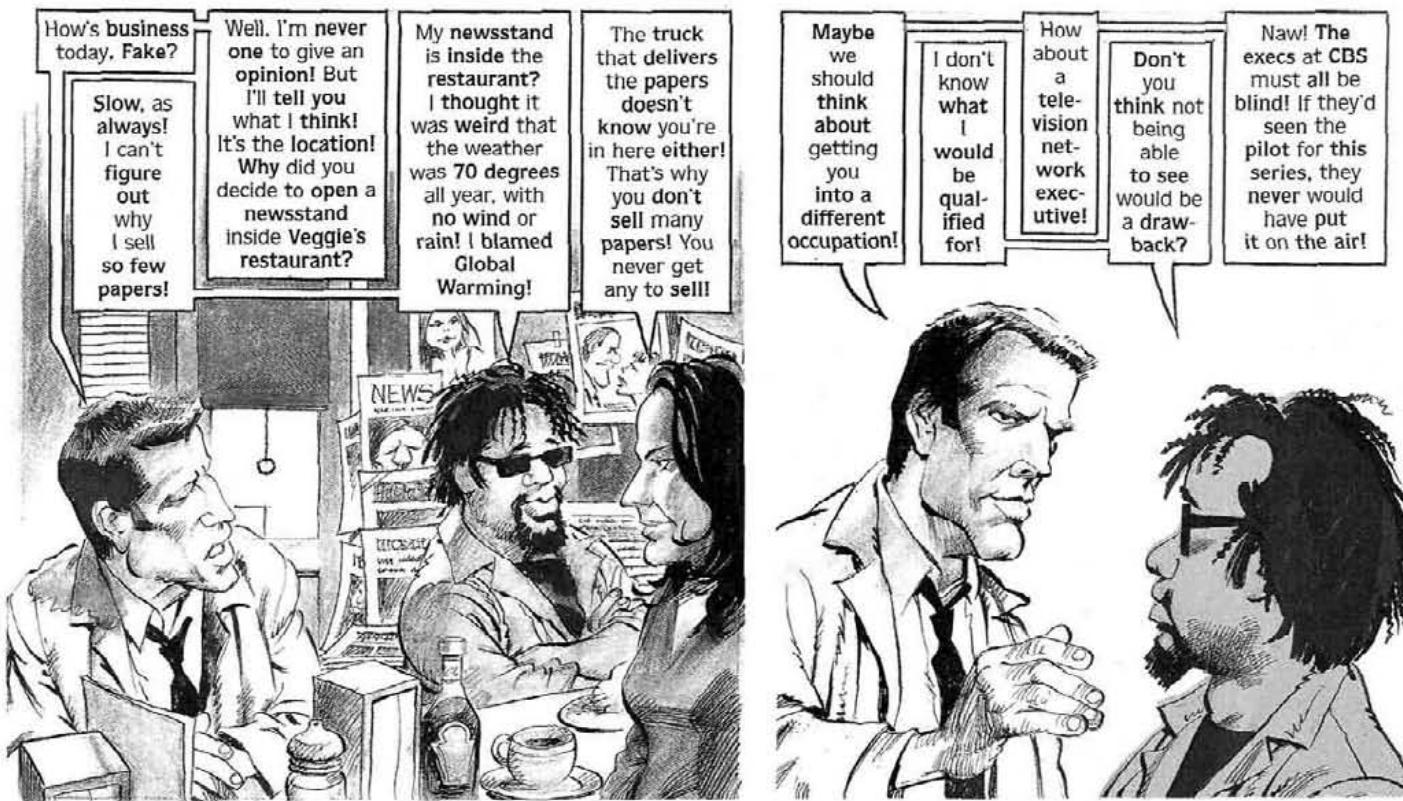
I'm Fake, the proprietor of the newsstand where Doctor Bicker buys an occasional magazine! Doc always claims he doesn't make much money, yet every day he hands me a \$100 bill to change! At least he *tells* me they're \$100 bills! Being blind, I have to trust him, but sometimes I have my doubts about his honesty! Yesterday he gave me a \$100 coin! I didn't even know the mint made \$100 coins — especially ones that feel just like a regular quarter!

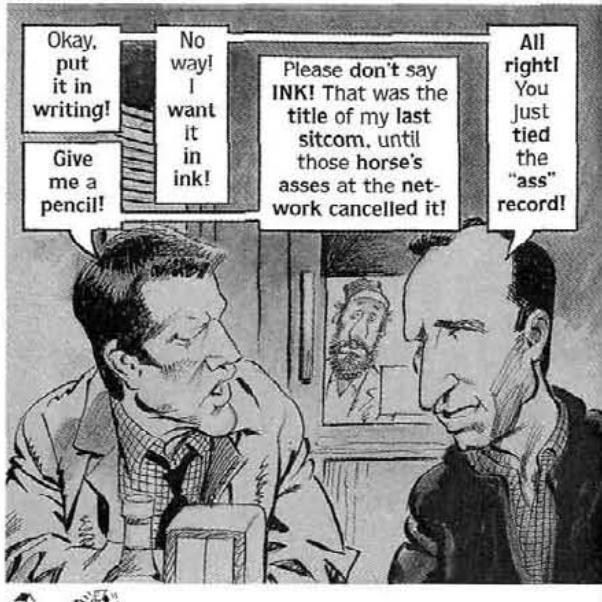
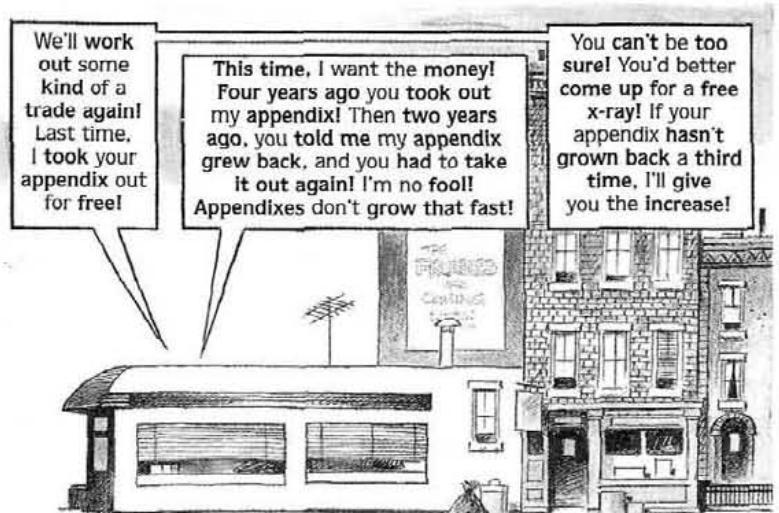
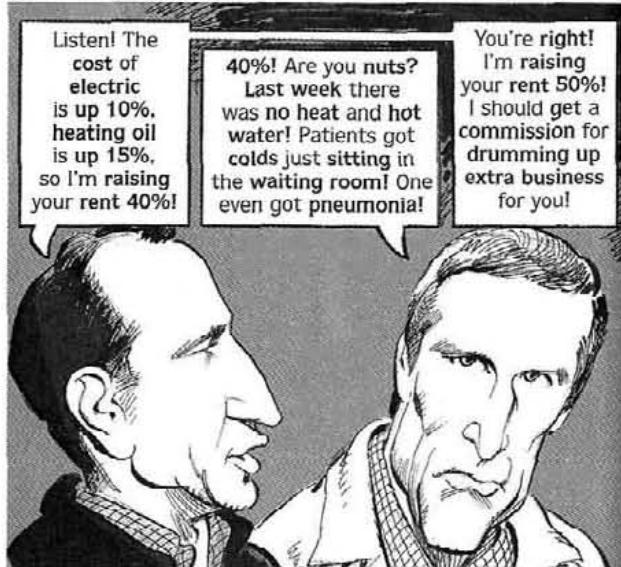
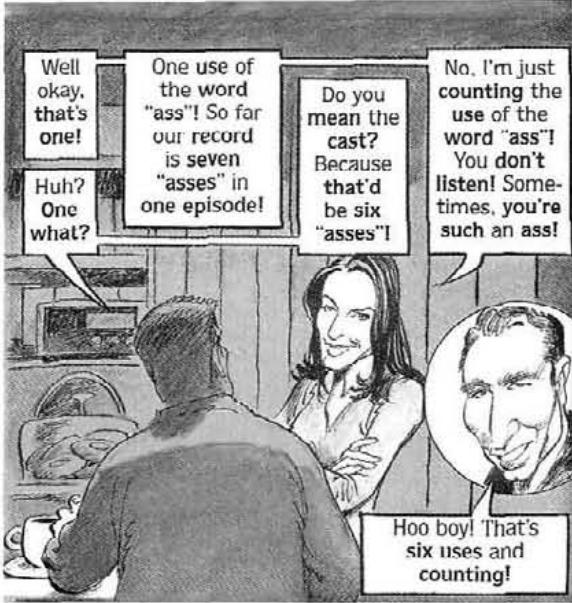
I'm Barb, sitcom character type 311 in the sitcom writer's handbook! If you're not familiar with the sitcom writer's handbook, I'll explain! Character type 311 is the cheap, grumpy, wise-cracking landlord! Yeah, you've seen my type a million times! Now, it's a million and one times! Bicker called me up here because it's December and his office is ice cold! My hilarious reply? "It's December and the office is ice cold...last July you complained that the office was steaming hot! Make up your mind!"

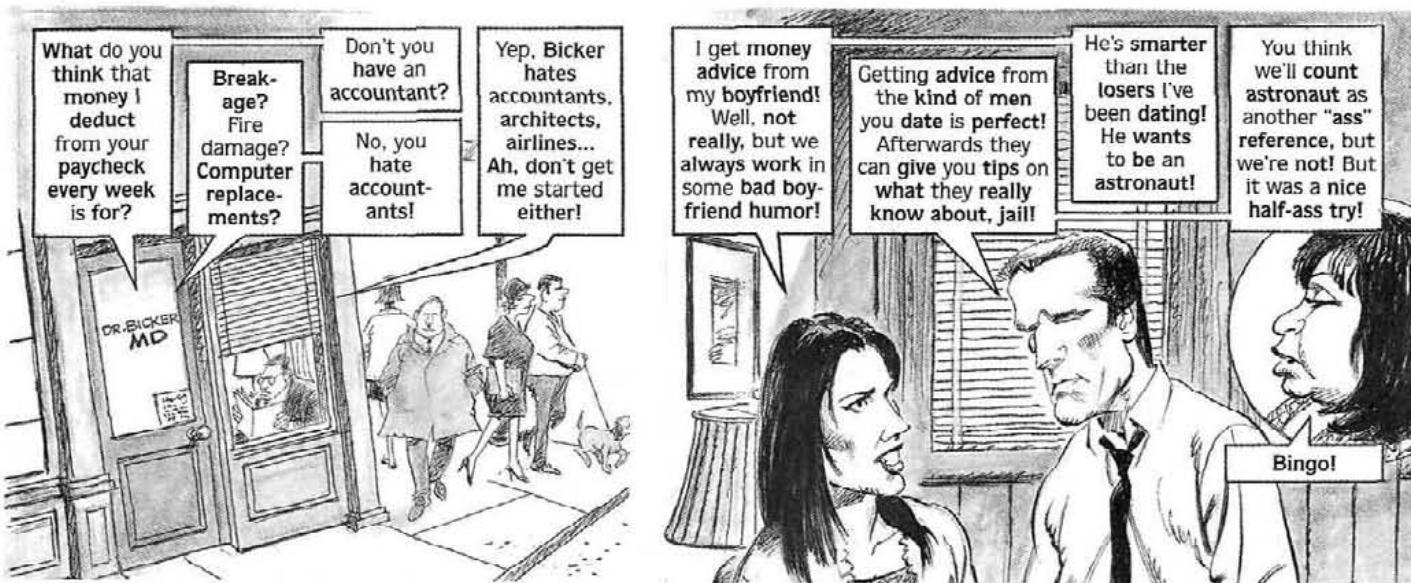
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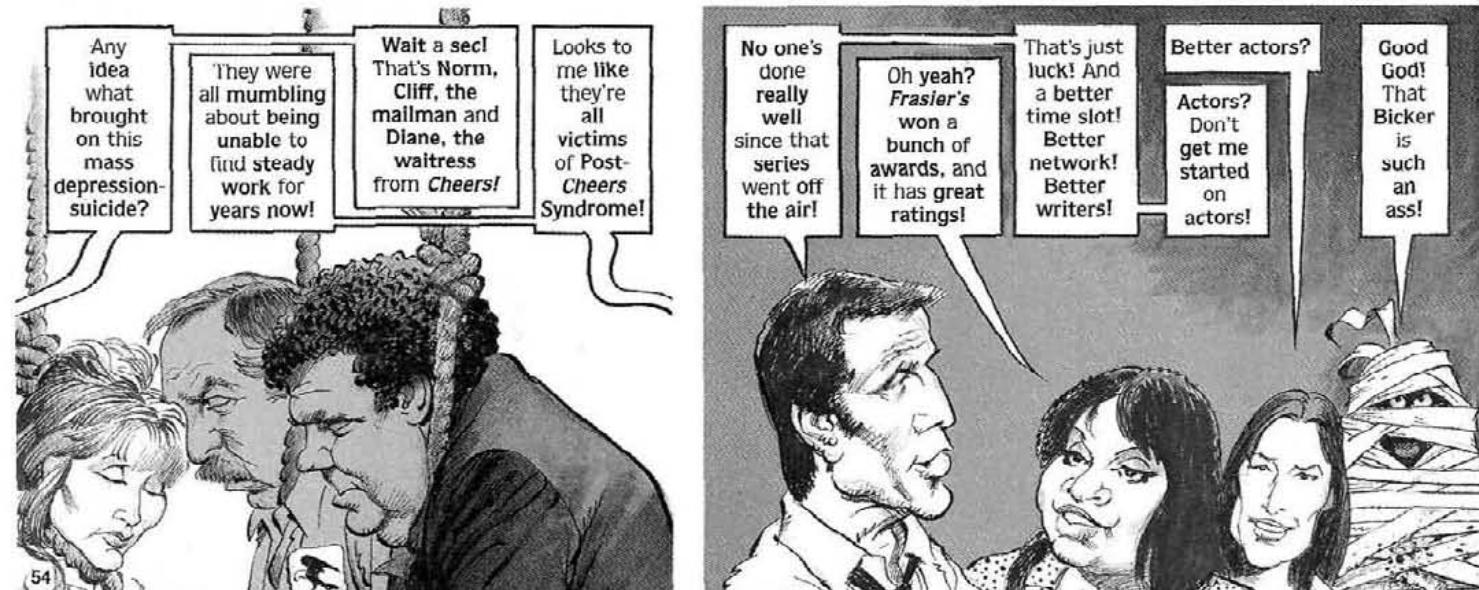
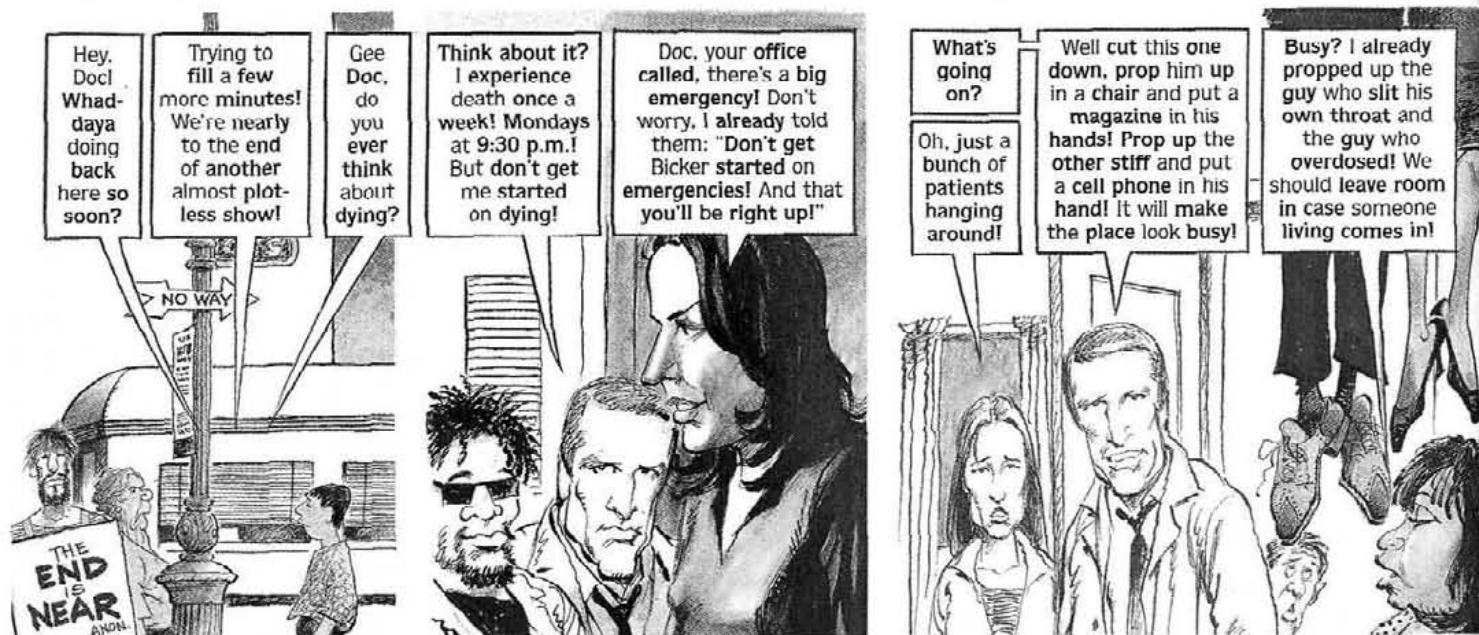
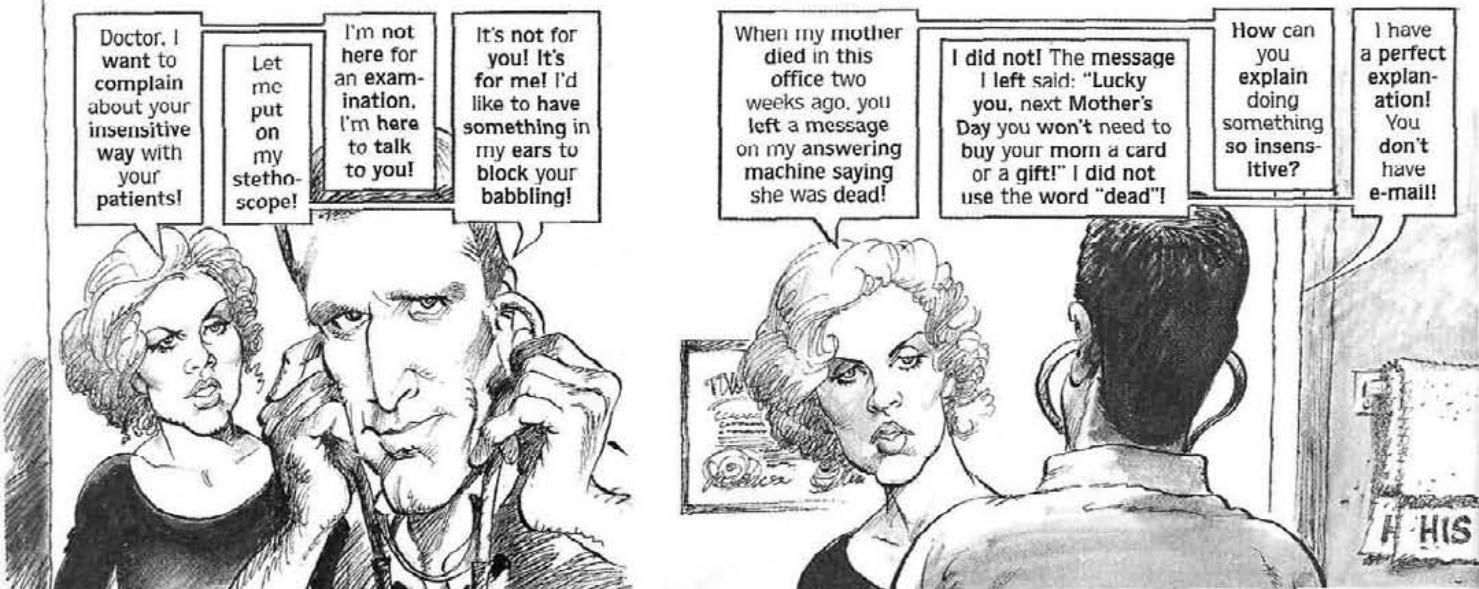
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Kills self after realizing he's just Dick Clark minus six or seven decades

Has stroke trying to think up interesting new way of saying "Britney and Backstreet Boys still on top" 47 weeks in a row

Executed by MTV top brass for accidentally playing a video not on strictly controlled "rotation" list

Killed by bees in cross-promotion Jackass stunt gone wrong

Shredded to death by braces of rabid 'N Sync fans kissing him for keeping their video in the #1 spot

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